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KING LEOPOLD ASSUMES COMMAND OF THE ARMY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRUSSELS, Jan. 15 (UP).—KING LEOPOLD HAS ASSUMED COMMAND OF ALL BELGIUM'S ARMED FORCES, IN THE SAME WAY THAT KING ALBERT DID DURING THE WORLD WAR.

R.A.F. LEAVE CANCELLED

LONDON, Jan. 15 (From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Air Forces in France).—It is officially announced that for the time being, leave for the British air forces in France is cancelled.

This does not affect those at present on leave, who will return at the normal time.

HOLLAND MAKES IT CLEAR

ROME, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—It is understood that the former Dutch Prime Minister, Dr. Colijn, told Count Ciano and other leading Italians last week that complete solidarity existed between Belgium and Holland, and that an attack on one would mean an attack on the other.

Several Hollanders in Rome have packed and are ready to return at a moment's notice, although they are not liable for service.

BERLIN'S ACCUSATION

BERLIN, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The official German news agency states that the British and French Governments "deliberately passed on information" to Amsterdam and Brussels to induce the Netherlands and Belgian Governments to carry out the precautionary measures

which they have taken.

M. Daladier, the French Premier, saw the Belgian Ambassador to-day.

He also saw General Gamelin, the Allied Commander-in-Chief.

Like Last November

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The military measures taken by Belgium and Holland, and the temporary cancellation of leave in the B.E.F., continue to be the subjects of much comment in Britain and other parts of the Scandinavian countries,

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MOSCOW, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Norway's and Sweden's "unneutral attitude," displayed by their sending aid and volunteers to Finland, may, says the "Tass Agency," lead to "undesirable complications" and disturb the normal relations with Soviet Russia.

It will be recalled that Norway and Sweden, in reply to the Soviet protest against Scandinavian Press comment and sending of volunteers to Finland, stated that freedom of the Press existed in the Scandinavian countries,

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RUSSIANS MOBILISE

Students Of 19 Years Being Mobilised

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LONDON, Jan. 15 (UP).—The Moscow radio to-day announced that all men between the ages of 19 and 20 inclusive have been called to the colours.

Students Affected

Commissar Colonel Chernikov also announced that all men born in 1921 must immediately register for military service at special bureaux in Moscow.

He said this also applies to all students in schools and universities who were born in 1922 and who are in their last year of studies.

It also applies to those temporarily excused from military service until 1941.

Registration has already started throughout Russia.

Cross Norwegian Border

OSLO, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Soviet planes operating in the northern Finnish front crossed the Norwegian frontier, according to Press reports.

These reports added that one plane even landed on the Norwegian side of the Pasvyl River, but took off again almost immediately.

U.S. AMBASSADOR ENDS HOLIDAY

On His Way Back To Shanghai

PEIPING, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The United States Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, left for Chinwangtien en route to Shanghai early this morning, accompanied by his private secretary, his Military Attaché, Major Mayer, and the Naval Attaché, Lt. Comdr. H.E. Overton.

The party boarded the United States transport, Henderson, for Chinwangtien.

More Arrests Expected

The investigation also included a possible tie-up with the Irish Republican Army.

Mr. Kennedy said, "We expect more arrests. We have merely scratched the surface."

Comparatively All Quiet On W.F.

PARIS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—To-

day's communiqué states that there was activity of patrols and artillery.

Further details are being awaited before any definite opinion is officially voiced.

Indignation In Holland

There was very great indignation among shipping circles when the first news arrived.

He arrived at Peiping last month and spent Christmas and New Year with his wife and family.

After the conference, a State Department official explained that the United States had not raised the question of a new commercial treaty, but Japan was anxious for a new treaty with the United States, and had undoubtedly injected the matter into the Tokyo discussions.

No Developments

These matters include the commercial treaty situation and related topics, Mr. Hull said. He added that at present there were no developments.

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French are reported to have brought long-range guns into action on the western front near Luxembourg and civilians have been evacuated from some French villages ten miles behind the front lines.

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Aerial Battle Over N. Sea

Thrilling Details Of Encounter

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry has released further details of Wednesday's air battle between R.A.F. bombers and Nazi fighters.

The planes, nine Bristol Blenheims, were reconnoitring in formation at a height of 6,000 feet when they were intercepted by the new fast Messerschmitt 110's at a point 150 miles north-west of the German island of Borkum.

Formation Beats Nazis

The British squadron leader turned the formation to lead the enemy away from their base and closed the formation.

Unable to find a blind spot from which the Nazis spent almost half an hour attacking from the front, sides, and directly astern.

The formation was easily broken when the engines of one British bomber were put out of action, and it fell astern. It was shot down by several Messerschmitts.

The other eight British Blenheims continued flying in even closer formation and soon one Nazi fighter received a full burst. As it crashed into the sea, it sent up a large column of water.

Germans Call It A Day

A second turned away, obviously hit, while a third seemed to have been seriously damaged.

One made a forced landing in Denmark, and it is thought that another came down into the sea.

The Germans made no further attempts to attack, whereupon the British bombers returned to their original course and completed their reconnaissance.

R.A.F. Planes "Closely Watched"

BERLIN, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Saturday's long-distance survey flight of the R.A.F. over Greater Germany is now admitted by the Nazis.

At first, the German radio denied that any such flights had taken place. On Sunday night, however, the official German news agency admitted that the flight had taken place, but "explained" that the R.A.F. planes were "watched very closely."

The agency claims that German observers watched the activity of the British planes very closely. They were all at a very great height.

Such flights are very dangerous, continues the agency, and not of much use anyway.

In view of the close watch kept on the R.A.F. planes, it is curious that they were not intercepted or attacked in any way.

No anti-aircraft guns opened up and the pilots reported having seen searchlights at one point only.

LATEST

NAZIS MAY USE PACIFIC AS SUPPLY ROUTE

PARIS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The possibilities of Germans running supplies across the Pacific to Vladivostok and other ports from America under the "Cash and Carry" system are not being lost sight of in the Allied Contraband Control, which is tightening around all kinds of German vessels.

As regards Russian oil supplies for Germany, it is understood that one route from Baku lies via the Volga to Moscow, then by canal to Leningrad, and from there to Germany by sea.

New Japanese Cabinet

EXPECTED TO CHANGE ATTITUDE

Cordiality For The Western Powers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (UP).—While the State Department maintains a guarded silence on the Japanese Cabinet changes, diplomatic circles predict intensified Japanese efforts to reach an understanding with the United States and Great Britain before the expiration of the United States Trade Treaty on January 26.

Japanese circles here characterize the Yonai Government as a "strong Cabinet" capable of vigorous and independent action to meet the extraordinary situation.

Possible Agreement

The State Department declined to confirm or deny the Japanese statement that the proposed draft for a trade agreement has already been submitted to Washington, but informed diplomats placed credence on the report, and suggested that the proposed agreement might somehow be related to the Japanese Cabinet change, since apparently the new Japanese Government is generally more friendly disposed to the Western Powers than the former Cabinet.

It is believed that they will have more freedom to pursue energetic actions necessary to effect an agreement.

Moro Friendly Towards Britain

Informed quarters here said the resurgency of the Japanese Navy Group to power probably presages renewed emphasis on friendly relations with Great Britain with whom the Japanese Naval authorities have been consistently cordial.

They said it might indicate a reversal to the status which existed in the 1920's with Britain's Admiralty and the Japanese Naval Command co-operated closely on diplomatic lines.

Such a development, they said, would be significant in the United States by halting the trend towards an incipient naval race with Japan.

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It is not yet known from where the shells came.

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Three houses were hit and some windows were broken by shell fragments, but no one was hurt.

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non-political and political prestige to effect a change in the Japanese national policy than was the former Cabinet.

This is considered to be an essential requirement in working out an agreement with the United States.

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Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 10th January Jan. 17.
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Shanghai Jan. 18.
Straits and Saigon Jan. 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 23rd December 1939) Jan. 18.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 16th January Jan. 19.
Sandakan Jan. 19.
Bangkok, Sulu and Toulane Jan. 19.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th Jan. Jan. 20.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 2nd December 1939) Jan. 20.
Straits Jan. 20.

OUTWARD MAILS

Tuesday, Jan. 16.
Shanghai and Japan 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 24th January.

K.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 16, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 16, 7 p.m.

Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 22nd Jan.
K.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 16, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 16, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 17.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa Egypt and Europe via Marseilles, 13th Feb.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. 8.45 a.m.
Ord. 9.30 a.m.

Manila 9.30 a.m.

Bangkok 9.30 a.m.

Fort Bayard and Haiphong 10 a.m.

Manila 1.30 p.m.

Shanghai 2.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 25th January.

K.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 17, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 17, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 17, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 17, 7.00 p.m.

Straits Thursday, Jan. 18.

Conton 7.15 a.m.

Singapore 2.30 p.m.

Japan 7.00 p.m.

Sandakan 8.30 a.m.

Fort Bayard and Hoihow 1.30 p.m.

Calcutta Parcels Jan. 19, 5 p.m.

Ord. Jan. 20, 8.30 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 20.

Tourane 8.30 a.m.

Salon 10.30 a.m.

Haiphong 2 p.m.

Shanghai and Japan 3.30 p.m.

BLACK-OUTS IN VIENNA

ZURICH, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Vienna now will be blacked out at night according to the correspondent of Swiss paper.

It is officially stated that the measure is intended to economise in coal.

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easier to-night, Belgium's attitude is described as calmly vigilant.

Political circles state that it is unlikely that "Phase D" will be changed and that it is unlikely that there will be a return to "Phase C" unless there is a great change in the international situation.

It is understood that the reason for the measures taken over the weekend was not due to discovery of plans on a German aeroplane which made a forced landing, but to political and military information received in Brussels.

Signs Of An Offensive
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—It is impossible to obtain authoritative information in Berlin to show whether the Belgo-Dutch defence measures are really justified by the German threats, states the "Dagbladet."

Certain quarters in Berlin, however, are not surprised at these measures, since there are many signs to indicate that an offensive is planned for this month.

It is unlikely that an offensive would open with a breach of Holland's neutrality, but events might lead to this.

The intense cold improves the possibilities of action in the flooded Low Countries.

To End War Quickly

The only object of an immediate German offensive would be how to end the war very quickly. Soldiers of units visited by Hitler at Christmas have written home to the effect that Hitler told the troops that the war would be over by spring, but authoritative sources in Berlin describe such reports as nonsense.

The presence of large German concentrations near the Dutch frontier is no longer a military secret.

Airmen Agree

I believe this view is shared by many distinguished airmen who fought in the last war, as well as by military experts, who point out that short-range bombing machines can be compared with long-range artillery; reconnaissance machines with armoured scout cars and light tanks; and artillery co-operation machines with dominating observation posts on the ground.

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Army Insisting On Own Air Force

THE MINISTRY UNSYMPATHETIC

IT IS UNDERSTOOD that in spite of the unsympathetic attitude of the Air Ministry, the Army is pressing strongly, and will continue to press, its demand to have its own Air Force.

Army opinion argues confidently that it is necessary to have as complete a control as the Navy possesses of its own Air Arm.

It accepts the view that long-distance bombing and the air defence of Britain are not the duties of an army but of an air force.

But it advances the claim that the squadrons of an Expeditionary Force must carry out purely military duties essential to the conduct of war, and that, consequently, they should be an integral part of the Army and that their personnel should be Army men.

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THEY FORGOT THEIR BABY

DANVERS, Mass. (UP).—A young man and woman entered a restaurant, ate, paid their check and departed.

As they sped away in their automobile an employee followed them in another machine, "I haven't you forgotten something," he shouted.

"Gosh!" said the woman as she

and her husband returned for their six-week-old baby they had left in an adjoining booth.

Public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal appointed by His Excellency the Governor under the Compulsory Service Ordinance, No. 32 of 1939, will be held in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat, at 4.15 p.m. on Monday, January 22, Friday, January 26 and Monday, January 29.

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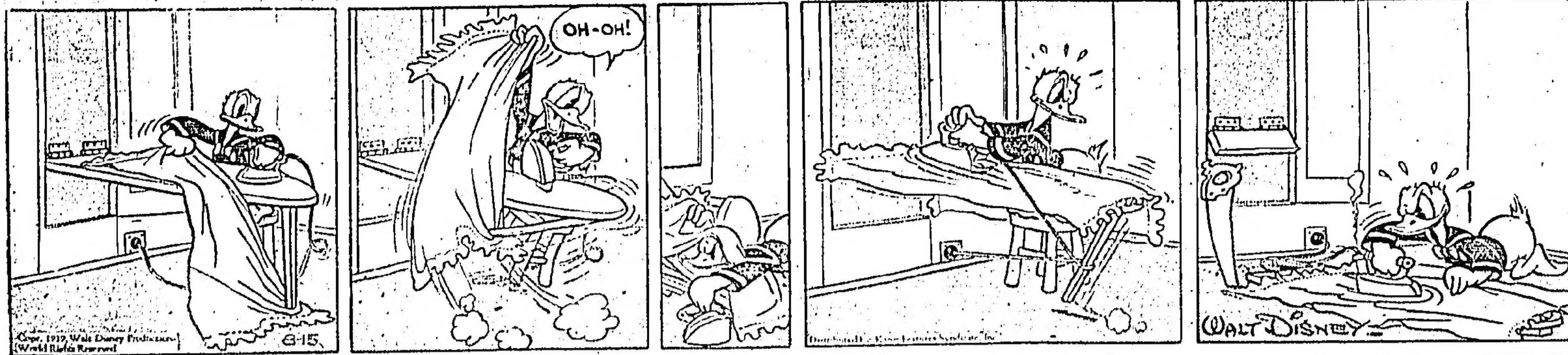
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1.00 Local time signal, weather report.

1.03 Frances Day (Soprano) and Victor Silvester's Orchestra; July Brothers' Baby's Sweetheart; Victor Silvester's Harmony Music; Midnight Music; Frances Day: We're Friends Again; What A Night; Victor Silvester's Ballroom Orchestra; Music, Muzak, Please; A-Tisket, A-Tasket; Frances Day; Kisses Are Divedrops; Why Stars Come Out At Night; Victor Silvester's Ballroom Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter, Rugby press, weather forecast, announcements.

1.45 Blatt, Symphony No. 1 in C Major; London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Walter Cochrane; 2.15 Close Down.

6.00 An hour of Dance Music—Wishing, One Sunday Afternoon; Billy Thorburn; I Plead for the Lie that I told You; Small Town, Geraldo; Jalousie, Xavier Cugat; Tu Sais Henry King; I'm Gonna Put You In Your Place, Got No Time; "Fats" Waller; Where Is Our Blue Bird Of Melody Lane; Sweethearts; Victor Silvester; Where Is Alexander; Frankie and Johnnie; The Sh Swingers; Cloros Amores; Desprez; Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro; Romany, Lonely, Geraldo; Never Break A Promise; The Organ, the Dance Band and Me; Cuckoo In The Clock; Shul-Eye, Kay Kyser.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Gracie Fields, Arthur Askey and Mantovani and His Orchestra; London In Saying Goodnight; Gracie Fields; Moonspun Dream; Love's Serenade; Mantovani; All To Specification; The Cuckoo; Arthur Askey; Tam Medley; Mantovani; Look Up and Laugh; Film Waltz Song; Gracie Fields.

7.20 London Relay—The News 8.00 Local time signal, weather report, announcements.

8.03 Studio; Two-Plane Recital by Herbert and Bernhard Ruff (from The Gloucester Hotel).

8.20 Selections from Kalman's "Countess Mariza"; Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra.

8.33 B.B.C. Recording, "Poor Polly," A Sketch.

8.47 Barnabas Von Gezzy and His Orchestra; Hindu Song; Value Triste; 8.53 Studio, "Chinese Paintings in Hongkong."—A talk by Elsie Cholmley, Secretary to the Hongkong Committee of the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives.

9.05 Studio, Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay, News Summary.

9.30 London Relay, "Cards on the Table."

9.45 Tchaikowsky; Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 74 ("The Pathétique")—Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitsky.

10.30 A Concert by Simon Barer (Piano) and Natan Milstein (Violin).

5-Sonetto No. 104 Del Petrarca (No. 5) of Deuzeille Annee—L'Hele Grommenwegen—(Liszt), Simon Barer; Consolation (No. 3) (Liszt), Natan Milstein; Etude in F Minor (Liszt).

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C Sharp Minor (Chopin), La Campanella (from Concerto No. 2 in B Minor, Paganini), Op. 7, Natan Milstein (Violin).

11.00 London Relay—"In England Now."

11.15 Close Down.

Law Gives Way
To Cupid

MOBILE, Ala. (UP).—Even the law bows to Dan Cupid.

Fred Schell was arraigned in inferior court on charges of passing another automobile on the Mobile viaduct.

He pleaded for a continuance on grounds it would interfere with his coming marriage.

"Okay," said Judge Tisdale J. Touart, "because you're going to cross your bridge sure enough this time."

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

66 Invaders' Were
Nazi Deserters

DISCONTENT among the German Army—there have been many cases of troops crossing into Switzerland because of poor food and bad conditions—was revealed in curious fashion recently.

During the week-end there were constant rumours that the Nazis were about to invade Luxembourg. Many troops were seen near the frontier. Then the mystery was solved. The soldiers were not intending to commit another act of aggression. All they wanted was to get out of Germany. They were would-be deserters from the Army.

R.A.F.'s DEADLY
MULTI-GUN
BATTERIES

(By RONALD WALKER)

FRANCE, Dec. 18. FROM an inspection to-day of another of the German Dornier bombers brought down yesterday it is clear that the destructive effect of the multi-guns of the British fighters is very great.

Before I left England I heard some doubts cast by experts on the value of the battery of machine-guns which equip our fighters.

Even a quick glance at these shot-down bombers, however, would dispel any doubt. Multi-machine-guns fired as one gun make a terrible weapon.

Where the machines have been struck exactly at the cone of fire the stream of bullets has torn great holes through the metal covering and structure of the aircraft. These holes have been blasted through fuselage and wing.

Accurate Shooting

At greater or shorter distances British pilots, who demonstrate very accurate shooting, have been able to spray their opponents with bullets using only very short bursts.

This German machine was landed by its pilot in a field not far from Menchouli. He pulled off the landing with his undercarriage up.

Apparently it had been jammed by the fighter-pilot machine-guns fire. The pilot, who was unharmed, had jumped with his parachutes. The gunner, badly wounded, died on the way down. The top turret was battered by bullets.

Arrested By Civilians

The pilot was arrested by civilians after his machine had bumped and slithered to a halt over the muddy field. These people had watched the battle between the British fighter and the bomber breathlessly. It lasted for a quarter of an hour.

The German pilot did not set fire to his aircraft, which is practically intact except for damage by bullets and the landing.

Evidence from the plane proved that the Germans are attempting to make a very detailed survey of a wide area of France.

THE EX-KAISER MAY
HAVE TO MOVE

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would be given. Further flood-gates and sluices would be opened, others closed, and the waves would then be diverted eastward to flow remorselessly towards Germany.

Eastern Holland would be separated from the west, where lie the key towns of Amsterdam, The Hague, and Rotterdam—separated by a vast expanse of water, encompassing nearly one-third of the whole country.

This is the Dutch plan to resist invasion by Germany, and it would take only six hours to carry out.

The Dutch Government has passed the Emergency Decree proclaiming large sections of the country as areas for flooding, but because of the heavy sacrifice entailed and the fact that there appears at present to be no direct threat of invasion, the actual word of command is withheld.

This decree was primarily intended to warn the inhabitants of the districts concerned that they must expect to be compulsorily evacuated at a moment's notice.

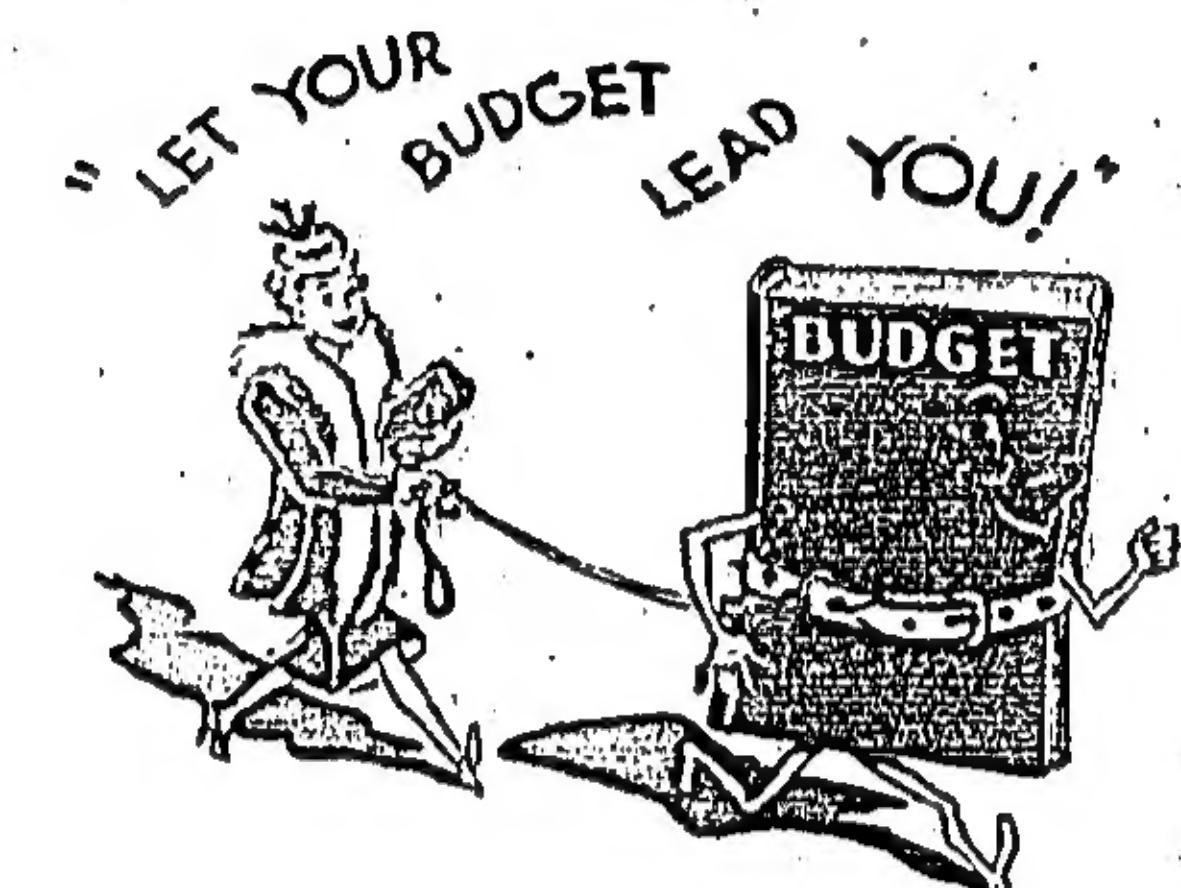
Natural Floods

IN my tour from Utrecht, where life is quite normal, to the German frontier, just beyond Nijmegen, I saw no signs of unusual activity. Many fields were flooded, but it was pointed out to me that this was due to the unusually high water level of the River Waal.

A certain amount of deliberate flooding has been undertaken. But this was also the case in 1914. The areas are those which cannot be inundated in the short term.

If and when the "big flood" is ordered the fertile meadows will be covered to a maximum depth of 2 ft. This will be quite sufficient to make it impossible to distinguish between the fields and the myriads of 12 ft. canals and ditches.

If any tank tries to cross that trap it will be just too bad for the tank, say the Dutch. So poor are the prospects, indeed, that the Dutch Army itself has only one tank. It was bought at the end of the last war, and after becoming bogged six times in a mile during its trial run it was transferred to the Dutch war museum, where it still remains.

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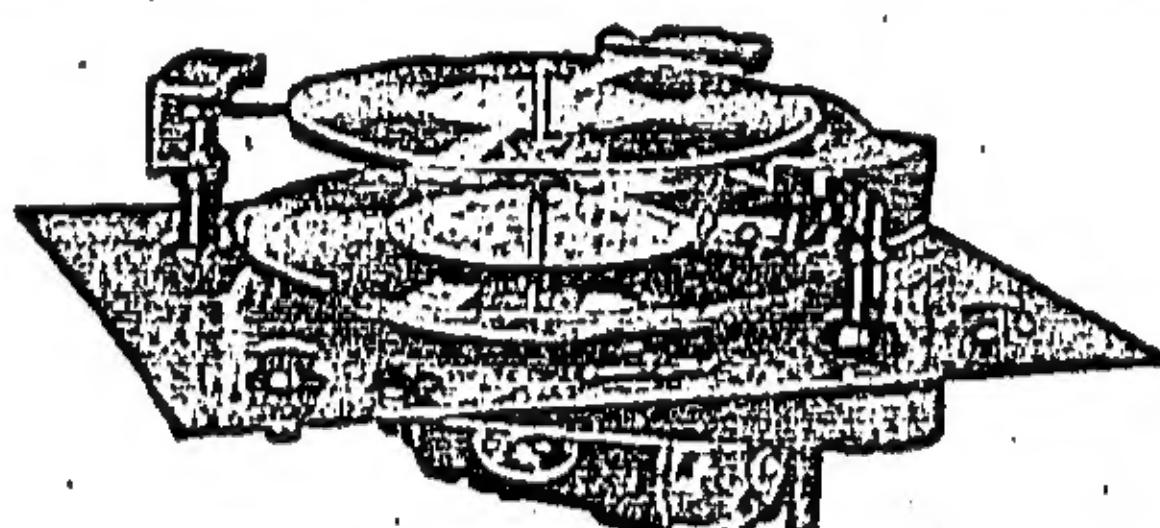


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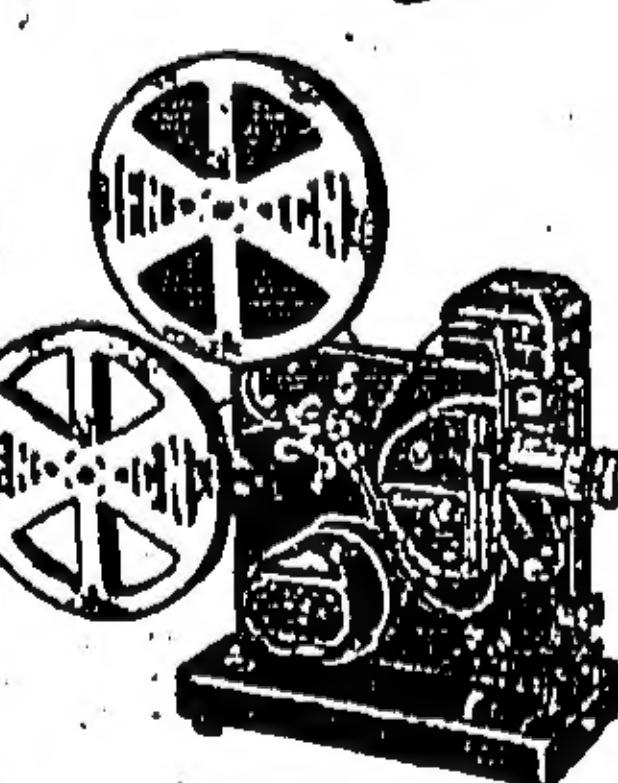
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Hongkong's Flora

The despoiling of the Colony's flora by countless gangs of firewood thieves has gained such alarming proportions, that a capably organised campaign in order to suppress the evil, is urgently needed.

It does not matter which district is considered, wherever trees and shrubs grow, these gangs of marauders are to be seen, day in and day out. Those who enjoy the Colony's countryside are horrified at the ruthless damage which has been done. Where once existed shaded forestry paths winding along the hillsides and through restful valleys, one now gazes upon ugly barren vistas, acre upon acre. Surely something can be done even at this late juncture?

Old residents who take a pride in the Colony point out to the newcomer that when Britain began development the hillsides were bare, and that the present beauty is the result of an early afforestation policy which has had the effect of transforming the barren nature then existing, to the pleasantly wooded Colony. It is estimated that on the island alone, several thousand people are engaged daily in this nefarious practice. There is no doubt that many of them are taking advantage of the high price of firewood, and find it a lucrative business in supplying firewood merchants from the hills and dales of the Colony.

Every firewood merchant should be licensed, and called upon at any time to reveal the source of supply. The gangs themselves should be dealt with as sternly as is any other class of thief, for unless effective measures are taken immediately, the damage will become irreparable.

There is some sympathy for the beggars who collect a few bundles of dry sticks, but sentiment cannot be tolerated when it means the gradual disfigurement of the appearance of the Colony. The Botanical and Forestry Department should collaborate with the Police in stamping out this scandal, otherwise we might just as well save the money which is spent in planting trees and shrubs. There is no excuse whatever for the existing state of affairs, and it

WILL HITLER ATTACK THE LOWLANDS?

A N unknown number of German divisions are now massed along the Dutch and Belgian frontiers.

Scores of Nazi bombers are standing by on the frontier aerodromes and the tension has been increased by the imposition of a strict military censorship between Germany and the Low Countries.

What does it all mean? Is Hitler planning a Blitzkrieg through Holland or Belgium—or both—with the dual object of outflanking the Maginot Line and of establishing air and submarine bases on the Channel ports from which to launch his attack on Britain?

Such, in brief, is the strategy of the Von Epp plan, long toyed with by the German General Staff. But its chances of success are today small.

From the German point of view full success depends on a surprise attack of such force as to crush all opposition and enable German motorised columns swiftly to overrun the Low Countries.

But today surprise is impossible. From the French border to the Zuider Zee is a chain of fortifications manned day and night by Belgian and Dutch troops.

By comparison with the sunken mountains of steel and concrete which are the Maginot and Siegfried Lines, the defences of the Low Countries are modest—pill-boxes and casemates, mined roads and bridges. Neither the Belgian nor the Dutch General Staffs believe that their defences are impregnable. They are merely designed to hold up a German attack until help reaches them from the Allies.

Such help would certainly come, for Pitt's words that a hostile Power in occupation of the ports of the Low Countries "is a pistol pointed at the heart of England" are as true today as they were in the Napoleonic wars.

The defences of Belgium are stronger than those of Holland and ten times as strong, according to King Leopold, as they were in 1914, when the German onslaught caught Belgium napping.

Belgium's defence lines, and there are many of them, pivot on the great and modernised fortress of Liege. Standing in the trough of the Meuse, along which all the German invasions of history have come, Liege comprises a double ring of forts at a distance of six and twelve miles respectively from the city. A continuous line of anti-tank defences and wire entanglements girdles the city and each individual fort is surrounded by deep anti-tank moats. Pill-boxes disguised as cottages and outhouses form the outposts.

If the Germans break through Holland, Belgium will fight along the new Albert Canal which stretches along her northern frontier eastward to Antwerp and is well fortified. Where the Albert Canal meets the Meuse is the new Eben Emael fort, cut into the solid cliff face with guns commanding the spot where the Germans crossed in 1914.

If the Germans strike from the east, the Belgians will fight on another fortified line which radiates south from Liege. Should the Germans break through that line they would find themselves in the Ardennes, a vast salient of country which is backed by the River Meuse, whose cliffs form a magnificent line of defence.

The whole of this vast salient is time that residents who have the interest of the Colony at heart, should make the strongest possible representations to Government in order to save the Colony from the wholesale wood thieving which has become so general. It is so widespread, in fact, that a few constables scattered about on normal duty are almost powerless to cope with the problem. A Forestry Preservation Corps appears to be needed.



THE LOWLANDS

Neutrality

Both Belgium and Holland are neutral States in this war. Dutch neutrality is not internationally guaranteed like that of Switzerland. Holland is free to act as she thinks fit. No Power has the right to come automatically to her assistance.

The Belgian position is different. She had, till 1936, a military agreement with France. But France and Britain still guarantee her neutrality. There are, at present no military agreements between Holland and Belgium.

Both Powers are signatories of the Oslo Convention, together with Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Luxembourg, for the joint discussion of economic problems.

History
Belgium seceded from the Kingdom of the Netherlands (Holland) after a revolution in August, 1830. Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg was elected King 1831. Succeeded by Leopold II. (1865-1909), Albert (1909-1934) and Leopold III. Belgian independence recognised by all States of Europe at Treaty of London, 1839.

Languages

There is no Belgian language. Northern half of Belgium is Flemish (Low Dutch) speaking, southern half is French speaking. This section of the population is called Walloon.

Until 1914-18 war French was official language. But in German occupied territory Flemish aspirations were encouraged.

Since that war the Flemings have gained ground. Flemings are mostly farmers with high birthrate. Walloons mostly industrial workers with low birthrate. Flemings would now prefer reunion with Holland. Walloons look to France. But Holland prefers Belgium to remain an independent buffer State.

Defence
Belgian Army is 800,000 war strength, Dutch is 250,000. Holland's first line of defence is behind the Rivers Yssel and Maas (see map). Beyond this, protecting Amsterdam and Rotterdam, is a 25-mile-wide band of floodable country.

Belgium's first line of defence on the north is behind the fortified Albert Canal between Antwerp and Maastricht. To the south-east the first line is formed by the forts round Liege and the hilly country of the Ardennes. Behind lies the strong line of forts on the left bank of the Meuse.

is planned as a strategic trap. trenches linking the forts and mobilised within four days of the outbreak of war, is now roads, bridges and dykes of completing the digging of Holland are mined. All the

frontier pill-boxes are manned. the Dutch army stands on guard.

Should the Germans strike, the Dutch will make their main stand along the Rivers Maas and Yssel, which flow parallel to the frontier.

If forced to retreat, the Dutch will call on their oldest ally—the sea—and flood a 25-mile-wide belt of country stretching from the Zuider Zee round Utrecht to the River Waal and the North Sea.

The hope is that Hitler's charlors will be caught in these waters to become a target for British bombers. But if the Germans ever get as far as this into Holland, it will leave them free to wheel southward against Belgium along three main roads—from Nijmegen to Turnhout, and from Venlo to Maastricht.

One possibility is that Germany may be content with attacking Holland, in which case Belgium might still remain neutral.

In face of reverses, or the continued stalemate on the Western Front, Hitler may be tempted to try to repeat the great flanking movement through neutrality which so nearly succeeded for Germany in 1914.

S.E.

The ex-Kaiser may have to move

WHILE Holland stands by to open the flood-gates to let loose a 30-miles tidal wave as a barrier against invasion of her lowlands, the ex-Kaiser considers the possibility of having to move his house in case his countrymen should cross the frontier.

I have just made a lightning tour of the area which would be flooded in the event of trouble. In the midst of that area is the Castle of Doorn, sanctuary of the 80-years-old ex-

Only last June the residents of Doorn gave the ex-Kaiser a summer-house. Here he is drinking their health at the presentation.



The Dutch authorities smiled when they heard that this white-haired old man who led his people to war 25 years ago was now busy building underground raid shelters.

They immediately despatched a courier inviting him to take up residence at the Hague should invasion seem imminent.

It is a tremendous scheme that Holland has embarked upon to protect her country. To-night, at key points of the elaborate system of dykes, canals, and waterways—memorials of her ceaseless fight with the sea—sentinels stand wallowing in wrenches, crowbars and sticks of dynamite for a broadside wave which could sweep them to send a vast tidal wave of water from the North Sea to the higher elevations of the Belgian frontier.

The wave would sweep over fields and meadows, pour through villages, and isolate ancient towns, such as Utrecht, where I am writing this message.

When the wave reached the Belgian frontier, other commando

PLEASE Turn To Page 3.

**OVERNIGHT
NEWS PAGE**
**LOWLANDS
READY TO
RESIST**

New York, Jan. 15.—The cancellation of leave of the British Expeditionary Force and the Belgian and Dutch Armies forms the principal topic in the New York newspapers.

"Once again Belgium and the Netherlands are preparing to defend themselves," writes the *New York Times*.

"Whether Germany attacks or withdraws the expected blow, these neutrals are almost as much the victims of war as the belligerents. Dutch merchant ships are being sunk each week by German mines and submarines. Belgium and Holland are put to the huge expense of mobilising and their population live in constant terror of attack."

The *New York Herald-Tribune* writes, "If to the dead nations which Nazi imperialism has left behind it is added the sloucher of Belgium and Holland, it would be regarded as a monstrous crime by every nation in the world."—Reuter.

London Conjecture

London, Jan. 15.—Hitler is actually preparing a blitzkrieg. It will almost certainly come without warning, and therefore the current alarms about Belgium and Holland may turn out, as was the case on more than one previous occasion, to be false.

This view is unofficial, but is held in well-informed quarters in London, which, recalling that a somewhat similar position arose in November in regard to the low countries which were believed to be in peril, say that fortunately these fears proved groundless although there was ample substantiation for them at the time.

It is stated that the fears being expressed in the Press to-day might prove unfounded, but it is pointed out that when Hitler has struck in the past it has always been with extreme secrecy and swiftness. Therefore the publicity being given to the low countries may be an indication that nothing, in fact, will take place.

It is learned that the Dutch and Belgian people are taking the situation with admirable calm, and this is felt to be an example for other countries.

In view of improved weather in Central and Eastern Europe and the apparent thaw in those regions, it is believed in London that conditions may be more favourable for adventures here than in the low countries. It is thought that a move might be made there while attention is diverted to Belgium and Holland.—Reuter.

May Only Be Bluff

Paris, Jan. 15.—Comment on the tension in Belgium and Holland indicates that the Press

ADMIRAL YONAI COMPLETES NEW JAPANESE CABINET

**America Ready
For Anything**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (UP).—The Federal Security Administrator, Mr. Paul V. McNutt, said to-day that the past ten years of international duplicity had rarely been equalled, and the United States had never once failed to protest against aggression and wrong.

The realistic nature of the United States foreign policy, he said, was made evident by the greatest preparations for the maintenance of peace in the country's history, by the strengthening of defences on land and sea. America was preparing for any eventualities.

Events of the past ten years have convinced even the most sanguine idealists that a naval establishment second to none is the only insurance against war.

DROUGHT BREAKS
**Light Rain Falls,
More Expected**

The Colony's 50-day drought was broken last night when a slight drizzle fell throughout the city and Kowloon areas about 8.10 p.m. Expectations of a heavier fall later were not fulfilled, for by 9.10 p.m. the sky had again cleared and the Observatory had only recorded 0.020 during the hour.

However, the long dry spell had ended and Observatory officials expect further light rain during the next day or two.

The drizzle was only sufficient to wet the roads and rooftops.

The 50-day drought had brought the Colony within ten days of the lowest drought ever experienced. That was during November and January, 1909-10. Other long spells were in November and December, 1903, when there was no rain for 51 days, and in December and January, 1919-20, when a 50-day drought was recorded.

Although December, January and February are normally the driest months, an average of over an inch is usually recorded.

Generally regards the German threat as another piece of bluff.

Perlinus writes in *L'Ordre* that the general opinion is that the Reich only wants to obtain supplies through threats.—Reuter.

Representatives From All Big Parties: Friendly to Democracy

Admiral M. Yonai, the Premier Designate, has chosen a powerful national Cabinet in Japan, including representatives of the major political parties. Political circles in Tokyo point out that the new Cabinet will stick to the established policies for the disposal of the China Affair.

Army authorities hope that the new Government will recognise the Defence Budget which has been compiled by the outgoing Cabinet. They are anxious that the Government should make strenuous efforts for the stabilisation of living conditions on the home front.

From the viewpoint of international relations, Admiral Yonai is regarded in Tokyo as friendly to the Democrats and antagonistic to the Totalitarians.

TOKYO, Jan. 15.—While Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, the Premier Designate, is endeavouring to organise a powerful national Cabinet, political circles point out that the new Cabinet will stick to the established policies for the disposal of the China Affair. The policy towards the proposed new Central Government in China which was recently formally decided upon by the outgoing Cabinet, will be supported by the new Cabinet.

Admiral Yonai has decided to designate Mr. Hachiro Arita, former Foreign Minister, as Foreign Minister. Mr. Sotaro Ishiwata, former Finance Minister, will be named Chief Secretary of the Cabinet.

Vice-Admiral Zengo Yoshida will retain office as Navy Minister.

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Admiral Yonai was first appointed Navy Minister, when the Hayashi Cabinet was organised in 1937, at which time he succeeded Admiral Nagano of the Hirota Cabinet.

When the Hayashi Cabinet resigned in June of the same year to be succeeded by the Konoye Cabinet, Admiral Yonai retained his position, playing an important role as head of the Navy administration when the China Incident broke out in July of the same year.

When the Konoye Cabinet resigned in January of last year, and was replaced by the Hirayama Cabinet, the Navy was still unanimous in recommending Admiral Yonai to retain the Navy portfolio. For nearly two full years Admiral Yonai held the post of Navy Minister, after which he was assigned to the Supreme War Council.

In his 1st year, Admiral Yonai hails from Iwata Prefecture, in the north eastern part of Japan, as does also Lieutenant-General Itagaki, the former War Minister.

After finishing the Middle School course at Morioka, the capital of Iwata Prefecture, he entered the Naval Cadets' School, which he left in 1901. He saw active service as a Lieutenant during the Russo-Japanese war of 1904-5. In 1914 he graduated from the Naval Staff College. Among the appointments he has held are Captain of the warship Iwate, Chief Staff Officer, Second Fleet Commander, First Overseas Fleet Commander, Commander-in-Chief of the Third Fleet, Commander-in-Chief of Sasebo Naval Station, of Yokosuka Naval Station, and of the Combined Fleet.

As his career indicates, his assignment to Tokyo has been as member of the Naval General Staff and recently as Navy Minister. His assignment to China waters, however, has been a very long one, as he is regarded the Navy's greatest authority on China affairs.

Admiral Yonai had no brilliant service record. His promotion has been rapid. However, the Asahi Shimbun points out, his amiable personality was of such a nature that he endeared himself to the whole nation, while his home townfolk speak of him as "Mitchan."

Further Support Offered

TOKYO, Jan. 15.—Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai tided over a major difficulty in his formation of a new Cabinet when he succeeded later in the afternoon in enlisting in the proposed Ministerial roster Mr. Yukio Sakurada, veteran member of the Minseito, the largest political party, as the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Sakurada, was formerly the Minister of Commerce and Industry in the Watanuki Cabinet and the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry in the Ito Cabinet.

Mr. Masanori Katsu, also a leading member of the Minseito, has been designated Minister of Communications.—Domei.

Japan And America

TOKYO, Jan. 15.—The Japanese Foreign Office spokesman to-day said it is believed that the changes in the Japanese Cabinet will not affect the Japanese-American trade negotiations.

Japan's proposed draft for a modus vivendi has been presented to Washington by the Japanese Ambassador and the Japanese Foreign Office expects an answer before January 20. Japan is anxious to conclude a modus vivendi through an exchange of notes.—United Press.

Japan Confident

TOKYO, Jan. 15.—No change will be made in Japan's

"Dollars Fight For Freedom"

OTTAWA, Jan. 15 (Reuter Bulletin).—Canada's first war loan was opened to subscription to-day with the slogan "Make your dollars fight for freedom."

One of the first subscriptions received was one of \$20,000 from the Doman Quintuplets Trust Fund.

Colonel Ralston, Canadian Finance Minister, declared that Canadians should concentrate on winning the war by subscribing to the war loan. He added that the United Kingdom purchases from Canada for the first year of the war would amount to \$100,000,000.

Babies Should Speak 3 Words

When They Are A Year Old

IOWA CITY, (UP).—Research by a child welfare expert at the University of Iowa revealed that the average baby cannot speak at the age of eight months and utters a single word at 10 months.

On the average, the language learning process progresses from the first sentence after the 15th month to 1,500 words at 4 years, according to Dr. Orvis C. Irwin.

Dr. Irwin's research showed that the child at a year usually has a vocabulary of three words and after another six months has increased to 20 words.

"During the next three months it will jump to more than 100 and at two years it may contain as many as 250 words," Dr. Irwin said. "From the second year on, the words will be added at a reduced rate so that at 3 there will be some 900 words and at 4 about 1,500."

The 10 most frequently used words in constructing a sentence, according to Dr. Irwin, are: "I," "is," "he," "you," "that," "do," "a," "this," "not" and "the."

Nouns and verbs are used more frequently than adjectives and conjunctions, the research expert said. Declarative sentences predominate during the first five years, he added.

foreign policy, the continuity of which will be maintained irrespective of the Cabinet change, the Foreign Office spokesman states.

Questioned regarding the negotiations between Japan and the United States, the spokesman revealed that the Japanese Government has presented a draft of a modus vivendi to the State Department of Washington. It is expected that something will come of this before January 20 when the existing treaty of commerce and navigation between the two countries lapses.

The spokesman added that he could not say what form of modus vivendi would be concluded, because there were several forms including an exchange of notes between the two countries.

Turning to the question of the new Central Government, the spokesman said that preparations for establishing the new Government are progressing smoothly, while the conference of the three "big heads," namely, Mr. Wang Ching-wel, Mr. Wang Ko-min and Mr. Liang Hung-chih will take place soon.—Domei.

American Threat

Washington, Jan. 15.—Authorities circles disclose that the United States will not enter into a temporary agreement to replace the commercial treaty with Japan expiring on January 20 unless Japan makes effective guarantees that American interests will receive equal and fair treatment hereafter.

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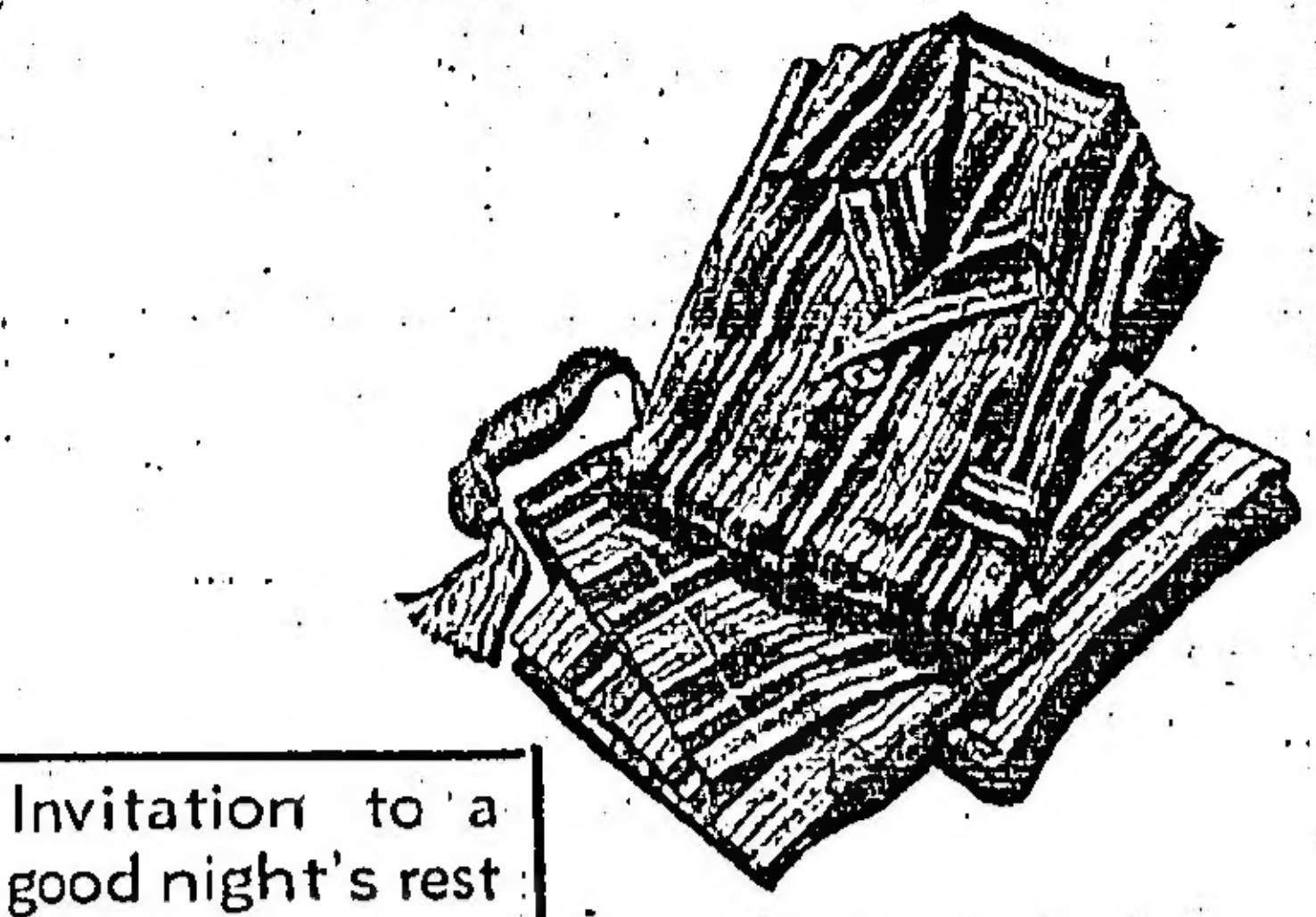
Washington, Jan. 15.—The complete secret that has been maintained in official circles concerning the future of American-Japanese relations shows no signs of being lifted as the fateful day—January 20—when the abrogation of the existing trade treaty becomes effective approaches. Only one thing that emerges as certain out of the welter of irresponsible speculation that has been the order of the day here, is that a new treaty cannot be signed by the President alone.

The President could abrogate a treaty on his own power but Congress alone can provide a new treaty. It is generally expected among foreign diplomatic circles that after January 20, the conditions provided for under the existing treaty will be allowed to continue almost indefinitely on a month to month basis so that no new treaty will be needed for any dramatic change enforced. It should be emphasised, however, that there is not one shred of official evidence to confirm even this prediction which must, therefore, remain in the realm of speculation until such time as the present official silence is finally broken.—Reuter.

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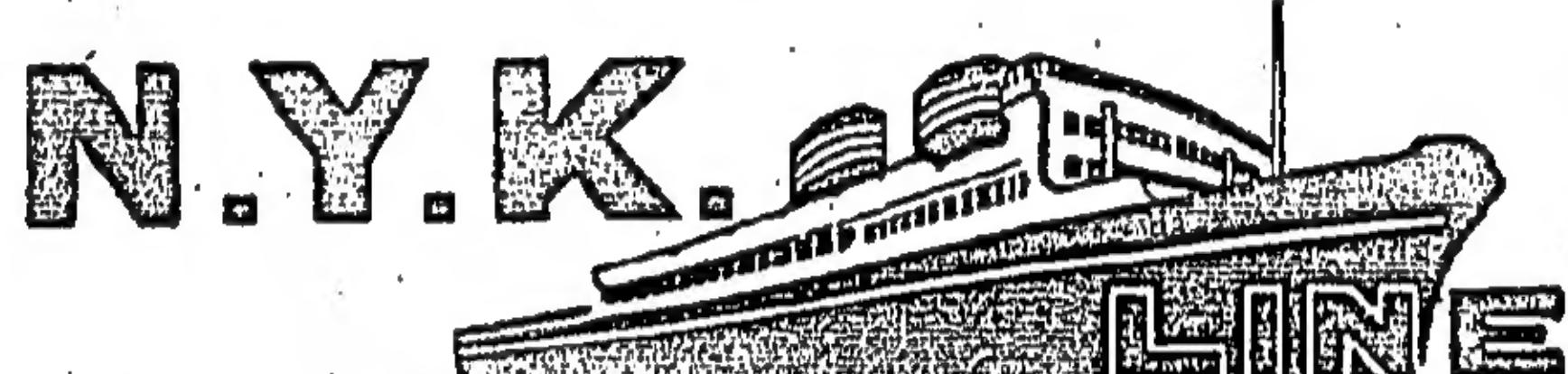
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Belisha's Conscience Pledge**OBJECTORS "SAFE IN THE R.A.M.C."****Red Claims Brought Home To Britain**

THE Soviet demands on Finland expressed in terms of what the demands would have meant to Great Britain are set out in a statement based on documents published by the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, which was issued in London recently.

If the proposals were being made to the Government of Great Britain by a neighbouring Power some forty times stronger they would, said the statement, be as follows:

1. Britain must cede the Isle of Wight to the foreign Power.
2. The Channel Islands must be fortified by the foreign Power.
3. Britain must hand over the port of Southampton as a naval and air base for the foreign Power.
4. Britain must hand over the Orkney Islands to be fortified by the foreign Power so that it will have complete control of Scapa Flow and the ports of Scotland.
5. Britain must destroy most of her defences, leaving in their place soldiers with rifles.
6. Britain must cede to the foreign Power an area on the coast of Norfolk extending fifty miles inland.

As compensation the neighbouring Power would be willing to cede to Britain some hundreds of square miles of barren land of no strategic or economic importance.

The actual demands put to Finland were published on December 12 and are shown in the adjoining map. The Finns refused because to have accepted such proposals would have meant sacrificing the integrity and independence of their country.

R.A.F.'s Aces Will Be "Triplets"

BY RONALD WALKER

FRANCE.—The flying aces of this war are going to be triplets. During the last war men like Manock, Ball and McCudden became famous as their score of victories rose.

In the dog-fights which took place over the line between German and Allied machines individual reputations were made.

During this war the pilots who shoot down the Germans will be grouped in threes.

Attacks In Threes

This is the reason: The fighter-bay-go-out-hunting—in flights of three machines. They scout in threes and attack in threes. If a German machine so attacked goes down it is impossible to decide which of the three fighters actually accounted for the enemy.

More Shows Wanted

Why is E.N.S.A. falling down on its job of providing concerts for the troops? Thousands of R.A.F. men would like to know the answer to that question.

Last night 2,000 of them crowded into a hall that normally holds about half that number to hear the Seymour Hicks touring party give them their first British entertainment since they go here.

The performance, which included Claire Luce, Dorothy Whirf, Berlin Whinot and Lance Fairfax, went off with a bang. In the street outside hundreds of unlucky airmen listened wistfully to the burst of song and shouts of applause which came through the doors.

The R.A.F. men are hungry for entertainment. They do not want elaborate shows. They want mainly people who can sing to them and play to them and get them singing together. And they want to see pretty girls dancing.

GOT CHANCE BY AN ERROR

London.—The medical profession is chuckling over a comedy of errors which has given a young doctor his chance.

When, before the war, plans were made to transfer patients to the country, a well-known West End children's specialist was named to take charge of a children's department 30 miles from London.

The outbreak of war found him in the Far East. But while he was returning to Ministry of Health letter was sent to a younger doctor of the same name and with the same initial. He wrote to the Ministry expressing surprise, but as he was told this was his post, he gave up his London position and left for the country.

When the mistake was discovered messages flashed between Whitehall and the "big man" who should have had the post, but the young doctor is said to be making a good job of it and his appointment has been regularised.

"SAFE IN THE R.A.M.C."

Mr. Hore-Belisha, before quitting office as War Minister, promised that the position of conscientious objectors wishing to join the R.A.M.C. will be safe guarded if they register as objectors, before offering their services.

This assurance, it was stated at Bristol Tribunal, has been given verbally to Dr. S. M. Berry, general secretary of the Congregational Union.

The Rev. E. J. Blythe, a Congregational Minister, handed the tribunal a letter from Dr. Berry to this effect.

It was to cover the case of Donald George Beck, a Bristol Corporation clerk.

Matter For Army

Judge Wethered, chairman, said the tribunal had power only to direct that an applicant should be registered for non-combatant duties.

The rest was a matter for the Army, but he would like to know what the practice was.

Beck was registered for non-combatant duties, with a preference for the R.A.M.C.

Celt Objects

John G. Brooks, of Holton, Oxfordshire, objects to being called up because he is a Celt.

"It was not right for the Saxons (or English) to tell me what to do," he declared to South Eastern Counties' Conscientious Objectors Tribunal, at Southwark, S.E.

He stated that he was a Welsh nationalist and had now changed his name by deed poll to Lagonna.

If the Celts, as free agents, told him to fight he would do so, he replied to a question by the chairman, Judge David Davies, K.C.

The case was adjourned for further evidence.

An application for the hearing to be transferred to Caernarvon was refused.

"England's War"

Unconditional exemption was granted by North Wales Tribunal at Caernarvon to Harry Griffith, clerk to the Welsh Nationalist headquarters.

He could not take part in England's wars, he said. He also objected on Christian grounds.

OUR FIRST WOMAN "OVER THERE" IS MOTHER OF TWO

By O. D. GALLAGHER

WITH THE B.E.F. IN FRANCE.

SHE is the only woman "Tommy" with the B.E.F. in France. And, believe it or not, she served in the last war behind the lines, and—a bigger one this time—she is the mother of two grown-up children.

Because of a combined B.E.F. and R.A.F. decision that no one in either Service out here gets any personal publicity, I can't tell you her name. Nor may you see her photograph, for the same reason. All I'm allowed to tell you about this charming, intelligent woman, who no doubt is the envy of the whole A.T.S., is that she is rich and well known, that her husband (who is over military age) is in a key war job at home.

When I heard she was in France, I motored well over 300 miles to see her. All I knew was the name of the town where she is stationed. As it happens that was enough.

The first man I asked where she was said: "Oh, Captain Mrs. So-and-So! She's at the What's It Hotel!"

They all call her Captain Mrs. So-and-So, although she is correctly called Company Commander So-and-So. Her job alone with the British Army? She is in charge of 200 French girls who are helping to disguise the B.E.F. by making nets that you've seen recently in newsreels draped over guns.

SHE was enrolled (not enlisted, as a man, who then takes the oath of allegiance) in the A.T.S. soon after it was formed. Five weeks ago she was ordered to "proceed overseas," as they say in Whitehall. That was France.

What an unusual scene there was at the big house where she lives in Buckingham. A grown-up son kissed her good-bye. Wished his mother the best of luck at the front, and went to the office.

As a wife she said good-bye again. Both she and her husband were over here last time. Now, twenty-one years later, she sets off again, leaving her husband, doing important work at home.

She was decorated with the C.B.E. for her work last time. No military decorations, because she worked as a civilian when she helped Britain fight the last war. She was twenty-one years younger then.

Now that we've got a woman in the British camouflage business, I think we'll see something new in women's fashions.

Student Commutes by Plane

KENT.—Galen Edward Elser, a graduate music student in Kent State University, flies his own monoplane every day from Youngstown to Kent to attend classes—a total of 2,500 commuting miles every year.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"**50 YEARS AGO**

Jan. 16, 1900. The Royal Geographical Society is preparing to give Stanley a royal welcome upon his arrival. Elaborate preparations are being made for a reception at Albert Hall, also for a grand banquet when the explorer will be presented with a massive medal commemorative of his services. A number of medals will be struck for presentation to the principal members of the two parties that followed Stanley and Emin on the march to Uganda.

The Czar of Russia proposed to be crowned King of Poland at Warsaw in the fall.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 16, 1915. The French Ambassador has communicated a Memorandum on the wanton bombardment by the Germans of Rheims Cathedral. The German authorities admit that the French have used the Cathedral for military purposes categorically denied. On the contrary, the French had held the cathedral and established a hospital there.

It is further maintained that the Germans, when in possession of the town, used the towers of the Cathedral for purposes of observation and, upon their evacuation, subjected the Cathedral to a malicious and肆虐的 bombardment. General von Blomberg in "Das Tag" admits the truth of the French allegations and promises similar treatment to any historical buildings of the kind which may hamper German military designs.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 16, 1920. An interesting development in connection with the Boy Scout movement, we understand, taking place in Kowloon, where a Scottish Troop of this well-known organization is in process of being formed.

To the Editor, Sir.—While appreciating the efforts of the Broadcasting Committee to provide us with better programmes, I think the Committee might give its consideration to other methods of broadcasting besides music and occasional talks. Yours, etc.

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 16, 1925. It is officially announced that the former Russian politician Zinoviev and his political allies in Opposition, Kamenov, Fedorov, Evdokimov and fifteen others have been turned over to the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court. They are charged with plotting to overthrow the Government.

All claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and the Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th January, 1940, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriters on or before the 2nd February, 1940, or they will not be recognized.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

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EAT YOUR BUN

Varying the Flavour of Family Favourites

By

Mrs.
BARDELL



WHEREVER there are children in the home there should be a bun tin in the pantry. When all is said and done, the youngsters, from toddler to teens, prefer the homely, wholesome buns that mother makes to oversweet sticky pastries.

I find that the surest way to a schoolboy's heart is to pack him off to school or play with a couple of rock cakes that he can get a satisfying bite from in his pocket.

An empty biscuit tin is an excellent place to keep your family buns in, for you can make a large batch, say, three or four dozen, in one baking, and they'll keep moist and fresh if the lid is fixed on tightly.

Now for some easy-to-make favourites which will go down well with the family.

Splendid Mixture

Rock cakes with a spicy flavour are much appreciated.

Ingredients: 1 heaped breakfast-cupful flour, 1 egg and $\frac{1}{2}$ breakfast-cupful brown sugar, 1 heaped dessertspoon, picked currants, pinch salt and grated nutmeg; $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. baking powder, 1 tablesp. butter, 1 dessertspoon, chopped candied peel, 1 heaped dessert-

spoon, picked currants, 1 saltsp. each ground all-spice, ginger and mace.

Sift flour, baking powder, salt, and spices into a basin. Rub in butter or margarine. Sift in sugar, chopped peel, washed and dried currants, and currants. Mix to a soft dough with beaten egg, and milk as required.

Fork out in rough heaps on buttered tins and bake in a quick oven till firm and brown. Turn on to a cake rack to cool.

Vanilla Drops

Quickly made and delicious in flavour.

Ingredients: 10oz. flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sugar, 2 tablesp. milk, 1 teasp. baking powder if plain flour is used), 1 tablesp. sugar, 2 eggs, 1 tablesp. chopped dates, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. grated nutmeg, 1-3rd, 1 tablesp. butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. ground ginger, $\frac{1}{2}$ cupful milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. ground cloves.

Cream butter and sugar. Sift flour, baking powder if used, ginger, nutmeg, and cloves into a basin. Beat eggs well. Add flour and eggs alternately to butter and sugar.

Stir in milk and dates and mix well. Three-quarters fill greased bun tins with mixture.

Bake in a moderate oven about twenty minutes. Cool on a cake rack. Top with sliced dates, if liked.

Raspberry Favourite

Economical, but considered a treat by small folk. They're good made with dripping, but you can use other fats if liked.

Rub 2oz. fat into $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. self-raising flour, add 2oz. sugar with a pinch of salt, and milk to make a stiffish mixture.

Divide into buns and place on a greased baking sheet. Make a hole

in each bun, fill with a few drops of raspberry jam, then cover with a few drops of vanilla.

Drop teasp. of dough, well apart, on a buttered baking tin. Sprinkle with caster sugar. Bake ten minutes in a quick oven.

Old-Fashioned Caraway

These little buns are made in the same way as the raspberry buns given on this page, but $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. caraway seeds are stirred into the mixture before it is formed into rolls, and the raspberry jam is, of course, omitted.

Date Dainties

Good to eat and very nourishing.

Ingredients: 1-1/2 cupfuls self-raising flour (add 2 teasp. baking powder if plain flour is used), 1 cupful sugar,

2 eggs, 1 tablesp. chopped dates, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. grated nutmeg, 1-3rd, 1 tablesp. butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. ground ginger, $\frac{1}{2}$ cupful milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. ground cloves.

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Cabbage Novelties

THIS is a good dish to serve on meatless days. Take a medium-sized cabbage, 1 tablespoon margarine or dripping, 1 onion, 2 teacups water, 1 teacup rice, pepper and salt.

Heat the fat in casserole, add finely chopped onion, and cook gently for a few minutes. Have the cabbage soaked, washed, and shredded. Add it to the casserole with a teacup of water and the seasonings. Put on the lid, and simmer over gentle heat on an asbestos mat from 10-15 minutes.

Now add the washed rice and mix it well, then add the rest of the water. Continue simmering from 20-30 minutes, till rice soft, and cabbage tender.

Cabbage Rolls

This is an excellent way to use up "left-overs," so that they come to table in appetising guise. Take 3 teacups mixed cooked meat, 1 teacup cooked rice, salt and pepper, cabbage leaves, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint tomato sauce.

Mix the meat and rice together and season well. Soak the cabbage leaves in boiling water, leave them for 2-3 minutes, then drain well. Put 2 tablespoons of the mixture on each leaf and fold over in half.

Place in a well-greased casserole, pour the tomato sauce round, and bake with the lid on for about 1 hour in a moderate oven. Serve with baked or mashed potatoes.

The rolls can be baked entirely in a little margarine, or if preferred, a little water and meat extract can be mixed and used instead of the tomato sauce.

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HOME HINTS

Too much flour makes a dry, bready cake. Pastry flour makes a more tender cake than does bread flour.

Did you know that sweet potatoes can be used as a vegetable, as a filling for pie, or fried like a dessert similar to fried bananas?

String beans will cook in about half the time if cut lengthwise instead of being broken in two.

Before fish is placed in the refrigerator, it should always be wrapped in waxed paper to prevent tainting other foods.

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with a skewer into the top of each, drop in a little raspberry jam close over again to keep the jam in, and bake in a quick oven for 15 to 20 minutes.

Rice is Nice

Satisfying and wholesome for schoolchildren are rice buns.

Ingredients: 3oz. self-raising flour, 2oz. ground rice, 2oz. butter or margarine, few drops of vanilla essence, 2 eggs, 3oz. castor sugar.

Cream butter and sugar together, add the eggs gradually (or one egg and 1 tablesp. of vinegar) with a little of the sieved flour and beat well.

Add the rest of the flour mixed with the ground rice, stir in the vanilla essence, then put the mixture into greased bun tins, and bake in a quick oven for ten to fifteen minutes.

Fruit and Nuts

They all like these mixed fruit buns, especially if a spoonful of chopped nuts are stirred in as a surprise.

Ingredients: 4oz. butter, 4oz. sugar, 2 eggs (or one egg and a tablespoonful of vinegar) a tablesp. each of washed and dried currants, pickled sultanas and shredded lemon rind, a few chopped nuts, 6oz. flour, a pinch of salt, 1 tablesp. of baking powder, a little milk if required.

Cream the butter and sugar, add the eggs gradually with little of the sieved flour and chopped nuts with the rest of the flour, etc., and add to the mixture. A little milk may be added if necessary.

Short Cuts.

Cheese may be cut into very thin slices without the cheese sticking to the knife by holding a piece of waxed paper over the knife while cutting.

Instead of taking the time to shell peas, a busy cook may throw pods and all into boiling water. When cooked, the pods will rise to the surface while the peas will stay at the bottom of the kettle.

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Cheese and Tomato Pie

This is very tasty with cold meat or sausages, or makes an excellent accompaniment to baked cod.

Choose firm tomatoes, and cut three-quarters of a lb into slices. Butter a pie-dish and prepare six tablespoons breadcrumbs, and grate six ozs cheese. Sprinkle a layer of breadcrumbs and cheese in bottom of dish, then a layer of sliced tomatoes. Sprinkle with a little pepper and allspice, then add another layer of breadcrumbs and cheese.

Continue till dish is full, arranging to have a good sprinkling of cheese on top. Cook in a moderate oven for about 30 minutes. If serving this dish alone, decorate with sippets of toast.

Cheese and Potato Casserole

Peel and slice one lb potatoes and two onions. Parboil (about 10 minutes) in boiling water, then strain off liquid. Grate three ozs cheese.

Butter a pie-dish, put in layers of partly cooked potatoes and onions. Sprinkle with powdered mace, pepper, and grated cheese.

Arrange for the top layer to be of potatoes, and sprinkle over a little cheese. Cover with one pint milk or half milk and some of the liquid vegetables were boiled in. Put a lid on dish or make a "cap" of greased paper, and bake slowly for one hour.

Just before serving, take off lid and brown for a few seconds under a hot grill.

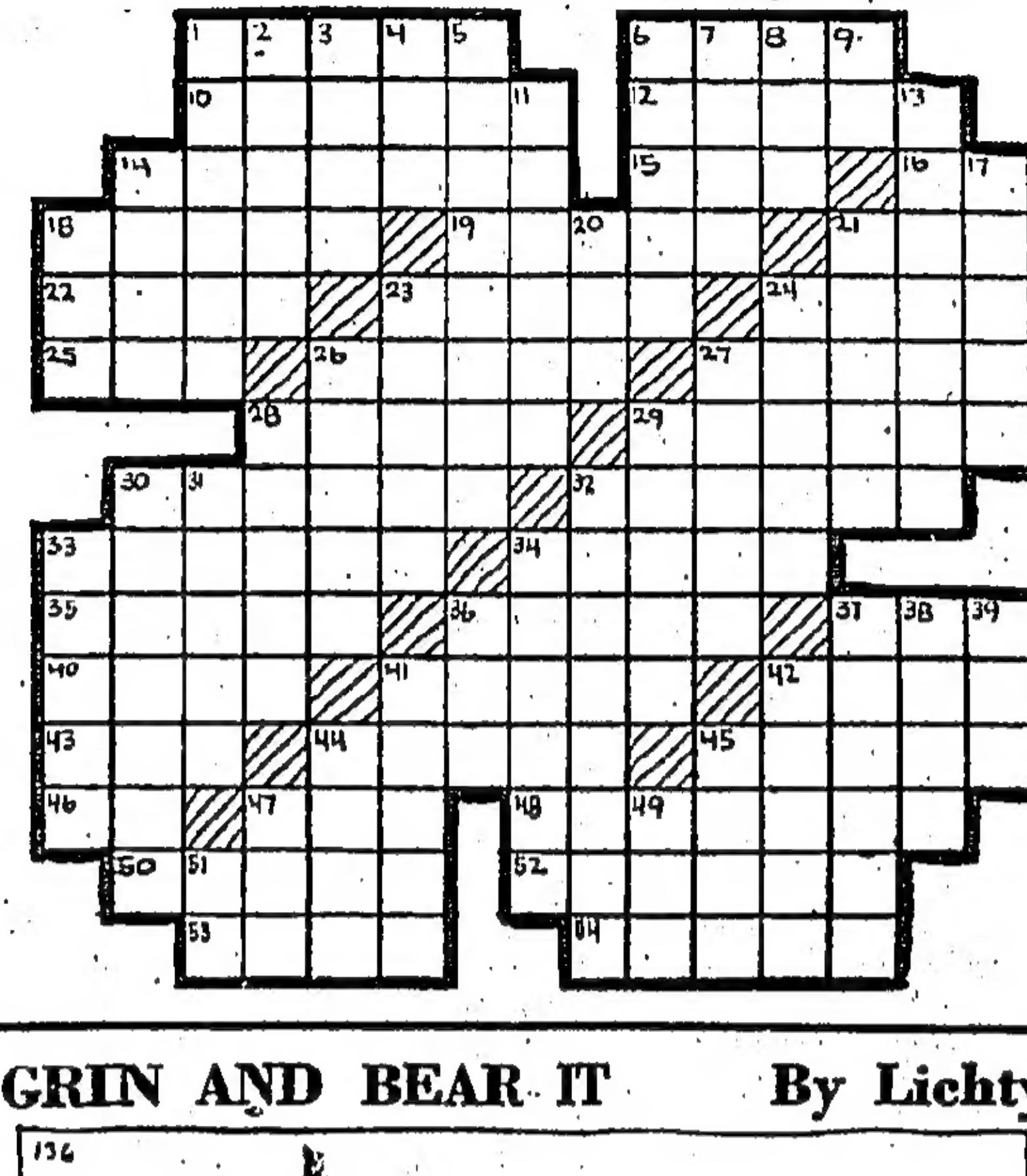
GRIN AND BEAR IT

By LICHTY

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS	ANNIVERSARY TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
1—Wasabi	4—Excitement
6—Hippolyte	5—Cheerfully decorated
8—Lambeth	7—Crown
10—Little boy (Scottish)	9—Dishonest
12—Marmalade	11—Get away
14—Pergolas	13—Transgressors
15—Olive's name	15—Unbinding
16—Detache	17—Dried grass
18—Dolmen	19—Star-like flower
20—Insect	21—With loathsome
22—Strong brews	23—Kind of duck
24—Folklore	25—Bird
26—Hanson serif	27—Bitterly
28—Amherstia	29—Attempts
29—One who names	30—More circumspect
31—Wigwam	32—South American
32—Cannibal state	33—Wall lining
33—Spoiled	34—Pair
34—Older	35—Pointed state
35—More sensible	36—Foot-like part
36—Small branches	37—Arrow
37—South African hill	38—Allowances for
38—Hirtax	39—Gaudy substance
39—Anger	40—Metric measure
40—Cardinal bird	41—Starfish
41—Liquor	42—How obvious
42—Obstinate point	43—Humpback whale
43—Observe	44—Runner for foot
44—Put in background	45—Gambling raffle
45—Candy tool	46—Caustic substance
46—Chinese food plant	47—Metric measure



GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichtry



"You doctors hold your conference elsewhere—the patient needs air!"

LONDON FINN'S DASH TO FIND WIFE IN FINLAND

ONE of the 30 Finns left in London, Mr. Lauri Zilliacus, has set out from his home in Albany Street, N.W., carrying a sealed box full of confidential papers.

He will try to reach the Finnish Foreign Office in Helsinki, acting as courier for the Finnish Legation in London.

On the eve of his adventure Mr. Zilliacus, who is 44, and former headmaster of a famous Helsinki school, told a reporter:

"I do not know how, or when I shall reach the capital. From Stockholm I may have to make the 30-hour train journey to the North of Sweden and then catch a Finnish train to Helsinki."

Mr. Zilliacus resigned his headmastership early in September to try to join the British Army because he wanted to fight the Nazis. He reached England four hours before war was declared on Germany.

"Now I want to fight the Bolsheviks," he said.

Several other Finns left London yesterday to serve their country. Before we went to war there were 300 Finns in England. Most of the 30 left are connected with the Finnish Legation staff.

Tuesday,

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January 16, 1940.

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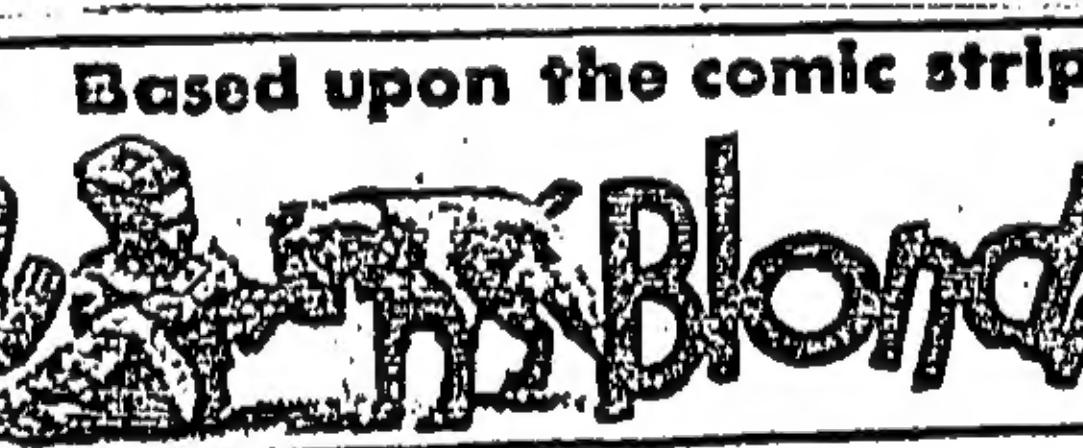
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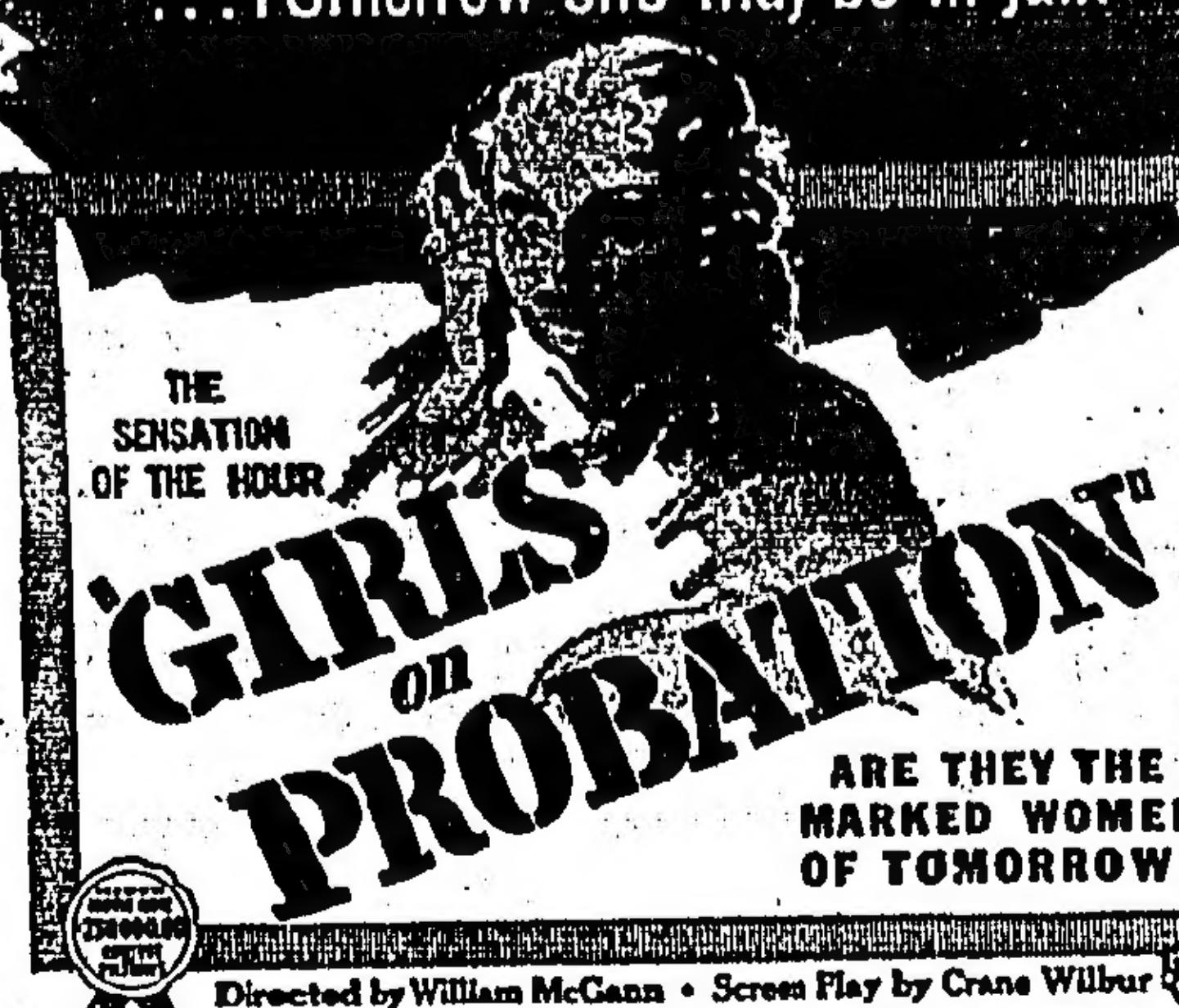
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HITLER SPIES AS 'DUTCH POLICE'

AMSTERDAM.

A WIDESPREAD plot to smuggle into Holland a number of German spies, dressed in Dutch uniforms, has been unearthed here following the arrest of a young Dutch Nazi.

The man, named Albrink, was stopped by Customs officials at Rammelbeck, on the German frontier:

The car he was driving was searched and in it were found trunk loads of Dutch uniforms—those of military police, ordinary police, railway guards and postmen.

Inside Frontier
Albrink, whose home was in the Dutch frontier town of Denekamp, worked for a garage proprietor in Nordhorn, just inside Germany.

As he was thus constantly crossing the frontier, he apparently thought he would not be challenged by the Customs.

But he had been watched by the authorities for some time and they struck just as his plan neared fruition. It is supposed that Albrink, acting on instructions, bought the uniforms from secondhand clothes dealers in Holland.

To Be Copied

He was taking them to Germany so that they might be copied.

Nazi spies would have been enabled to cross the frontier in Dutch uniforms and, when they arrived, have a greater freedom of movement than ordinary people.

Both Albrink and his father are members of the Dutch Nazi Party.

NOVELIST SUES FILM COMPANY

Declares Book Was Plagiarised

A dispute over alleged resemblances between a film, "The Man who Changed His Mind," and a novel, "The Man who Had Sold his Brain," came before Mr. Justice Lewis in the King's Bench Division in London last month.

George Vicomte de Mauduit sued Gaumont British Picture Corporation Ltd., claiming damages for infringement of the copyright in his book, alleging that the film was a plagiarism. The defence was a denial of the allegations.

Mr. G. P. Eddy, K.C., for the Vicomte, said that since 1920 he had lived in England, and had been employed with engineering firms. He retired in 1929 and had since done a good deal of literary work. In 1930 he completed the novel and had about 40 copies of the manuscript made for circulation among literary agents, publishers and friends.

He did not succeed in getting the book published, but in January, 1930, he negotiated with agents for the sale of the film rights. In April, 1930, the Vicomte saw an evening newspaper announcement that the film, "The Man Who Changed His Mind," was in production. The film was screened in October, 1930.

Mr. Eddy said the Vicomte alleged that there were 53 similarities between his book and the film. Playing the lead in the film was Berliss Karloff, the very artist whom he had in mind for the leading role.

Scientists' Experiments

In both film and book, continued Mr. Eddy, the chief character was a foreign scientist, and the basic idea was the transfer of the brain between two individuals. In both, a lecture by the scientist created an uproar in the medical profession, and there were experiments with electrical apparatus, part of which was a chair in which a person could be imprisoned.

Vicomte de Mauduit, in evidence, said that, as far as he knew, when he conceived the idea of the novel in 1928, it was original. In 1929 he had made a fortune of £110,000, but lost practically all in a financial crash.

Mr. Beyfus, cross-examining: Do you suggest you have a monopoly of the idea of writing a film or a play on this theme?—I don't.

Vicomte de Mauduit agreed that the same idea had been used in a different way by H. G. Wells. Mr. Beyfus also suggested that it was used by Barry Pain in "Exchange of Souls." In that book a scientist experimented with a young girl.

BRITAIN'S CAR TRADE BOOMS

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter). While the German radio on Sunday announced the abandonment of Germany's export motor car trade as a result of the Allied blockade, the export of British cars to Australia, India, Burma, Portugal and Uruguay for the first three months of the war reached record figures.

The Society of Car Manufacturers states that there were also increases in the number of cars shipped to West Indies, Thailand, Malaya, Canada and South Africa.

1914-18 AIR ACES IN FRANCE

MEN who between 1914 and 1918 fought aerial battles over the German lines are now helping to fight aerial battles from the ground. Aerial combat is a young man's job, and they are too old to take to the air again.

Many are members of the staff organisation that directs the present generation of fighter pilots of the R.A.F. to successful action. Some

are in ground jobs at Fighter Command stations. Others again are at the Air Ministry.

These men were among the first to respond when the R.A.F. was expanded on a war basis. They were still carrying pilot wings on their tunics but the only flying most of them do is in communication aircraft, just as business men use a car in the day's work.

Ribbons Tell History

Their history is told by rows of medal ribbons. A veteran of four wars won his first decoration in the Mutabala campaign long before the first aircraft left the ground. At the same R.A.F. station is a liaison officer who wears the uniform of the Navy. He won the Distinguished Flying Cross in the last war for sinking a submarine from an airship.

Others fought the "Richtofen Circus" which became almost a legend on the Western Front. One, who served with the French Air Force, was already a veteran in the last war. He is one of the R.A.F.'s oldest serving officers, but has been flying "dual" on a communication aircraft.

Brought Down 17

A grey-haired pilot who wears the ribbon and bar of the Distinguished Flying Cross and was officially credited with having brought down German aircraft is delighted to be again flying Service aircraft, after 21 years' interval.

In those days he flew Camels. "Grand machines," he found them, but he is still young enough to see both sides of a question. "We had no parachutes," he says, "and engine failure was all too common, but the machines were slow, could be landed in almost any field. With the modern Service machine you have a parachute that really works... and there are many aerodromes, but you also have high landing speeds and three or four times as many controls to operate." His sixteen year old son is an expert mailplane pilot. "I left school to get into the R.A.F.," his mother says, "now my boy is hoping against hope that he will get his chance. I dare not try and put him off—and I don't think I want to."

Million Will Move

AGREEMENT has been reached between Berlin and Moscow on the exchange of minorities in Poland.

According to German estimates, 115,000 peasants of German nationality and 1,000,000 Russians, Ukrainians and Ruthenians will be transferred.

Many Polish Jews are expected to take advantage of the more liberal Sov. views on nationality to declare themselves Russians or Ukrainians.

"Mother Medals"

GERMAN mothers who have had four or more children are given special medals "with the compliments of the Führer." In Munich alone, according to the Neuste Muenchner Zeitung, 4,000 were distributed in the past six months to women aged between 30 and 70. There will be a new distribution next month for mothers aged 50. They number 4,000.

Nearly per cent. of all medals are given to mothers with eight or more children, says the paper.

"Destroy Hitler"

A MANIFESTO to the German people demanding the destruction of a Free Germany was read on the German Free Radio.

The announcer said that after the Munich bomb explosion the leaders of the German Socialist Freedom Party met somewhere in Germany and issued the manifesto.

"The struggle is not waged by foreign countries or foreign agents, but by millions of German workers," said the broadcast. "The third, fourth, or fifth blow will strike down Hitler. But we want more. We are not satisfied with the destruction of Hitler and his party. We want a Free Germany."

All Ears For Hore-Belisha

Commons Statement Eagerly Awaited

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Although there is widespread interest in the personal statement which Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the former War Minister, will make in the House of Commons to-morrow, there is always the possibility that the much-heralded debate may come to nothing, says "Reuter's" London correspondent.

It is considered possible that he may take the line that no unnecessary controversy should be aroused at present.

Mr. Hore-Belisha's statement is likely to begin at 2.15 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. Mr. Chamberlain is due to make his review of the progress of the war immediately afterwards.

The Prime Minister probably will preface his statement with comments on Mr. Hore-Belisha's speech.

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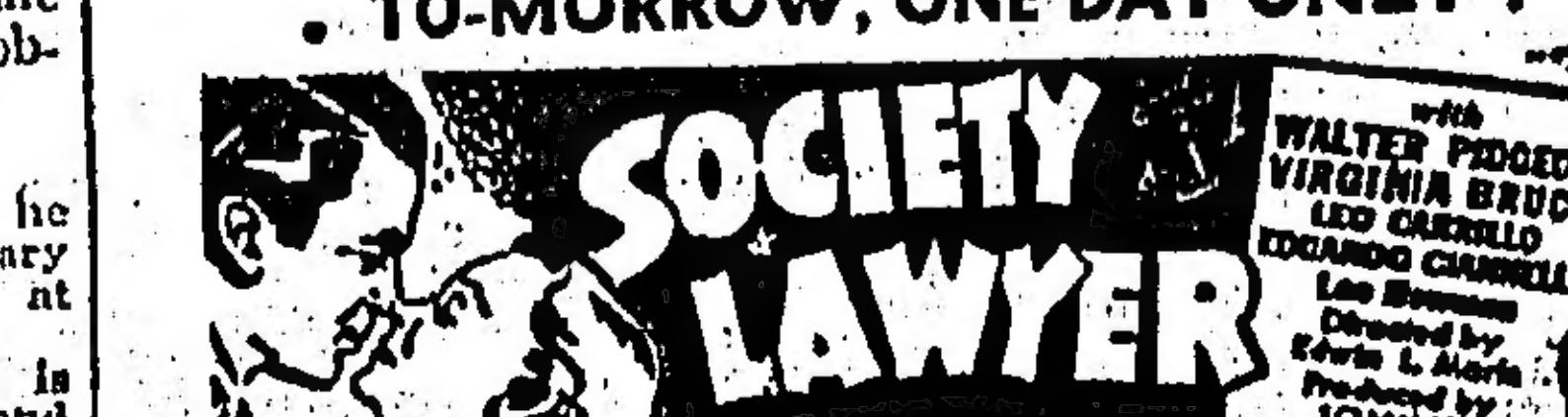
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BELIEVED REASON FOR PRECAUTIONS

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

AMSTERDAM, JAN. 15 (UP).—THE REASON FOR THE PRECAUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE LOWLANDS—HOLLAND AND BELGIUM—is believed in well-informed quarters to be not so much that a direct German invasion is feared but that the two countries have received “inside information” that Germany has decided to begin totalitarian aerial warfare in the immediate future.

Germany's recent intensification of aerial reconnaissance over the coasts of Scotland and England are cited in support of this theory.

Amsterdam newspapers take pains this morning to reassure the populace that there is no direct danger to Holland; nor, they state, are there any indications of Nazi pressure on the Dutch Government.

A new phase in aerial warfare between Germany and the Allies would, however, intensify the international situation, and for this reason Holland is taking all necessary measures to maintain her neutrality.

Her geographical situation between the warring nations would, in the event of an aerial “blitzkrieg,” render her position somewhat delicate.

An official statement this morning claims that the decision to cancel all Army leave has been misunderstood abroad.

Nevertheless, there are new indications that both the Netherlands and Belgium have not mobilised from any fear of the Allies.

It is noteworthy that the Maastricht-Liege highway has been closed for several hours, and it is now reliably reported that the Netherlands is commencing to reinforce her southeastern frontier.

Unconfirmed reports state that the Germans have concentrated heavy additional forces in this area. These include mobile divisions capable of advancing over flooded areas.

Warned By Princess?

There has been some slight relaxation of tension in Belgium. There, the Government does not indicate either why the forces were mobilised or why some of the precautions adopted have been relaxed.

The reports that Belgium received a warning of an impending Nazi invasion from Italian sources still persist.

In this connection, it is being recalled that the Crown Princess of Italy, Princess Marie Jose, is a Belgian.

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RUSSIANS LAUNCH HEAVIEST RAIDS

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

HELSINKI, Jan. 16 (UP).—Red raids on Finnish cities and towns during the past 48 hours have been the heaviest experienced in warfare since Hitler blazed his blood-path through Poland.

On Saturday alone, according to an official announcement, 160 planes participated in raids on various centres. Between them, they dropped 1,100 bombs.

On Sunday, another 160 planes raided the countryside, dropping over a thousand bombs on 27 localities.

Most of the Russian bombs are incendiary, and only heroic work on the part of volunteer fire fighters have prevented huge conflagrations.

The bombardment of Anbo yesterday was the heaviest ever experienced by Finland.

Hundreds of buildings have been completely demolished, and heavy loss is feared in this city.

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Helsingfors had two alarms today. The officer commanding the air defence issued a statement declaring that the enemy, having suffered severe reverses at the front, tried to avenge their defeat on the population.

He stated that the enemy as a rule made no attempt to seek targets of military importance, but dropped bombs on localities of small military significance.

During the week, the enemy dropped upwards of 2,000 bombs on 48 separate localities outside the war zone and succeeded in killing 18 civilians, mostly women.

The majority of the casualties belonged to the working class.

Pedestrians Machine-Gunned

Three hospitals were bombed. Pedestrians, and vehicles on

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KING LEOPOLD AT HEAD OF ARMY

SPECIAL TO THE “TELEGRAPH”

BRUSSELS, JAN. 15 (UP).—KING LEOPOLD HAS ASSUMED COMMAND OF ALL BELGIUM'S ARMED FORCES, IN THE SAME WAY THAT KING ALBERT DID DURING THE WORLD WAR.

R.A.F. LEAVE CANCELLED

LONDON, Jan. 15 (From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Air Forces in France).—It is officially announced that for the time being, leave for the British air forces in France is cancelled.

This does not affect those at present on leave, who will return at the normal time.

HOLLAND MAKES IT CLEAR

ROME, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—It is understood that the former Dutch Prime Minister, Dr. Colijn, told Count Ciano and other leading Italians last week that complete solidarity existed between Belgium and Holland, and that an attack on one would mean an attack on the other.

Several Hollanders in Rome have packed and are ready to return at a moment's notice, although they are not liable for service.

BERLIN'S ACCUSATION

BERLIN, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The official German news agency states that the British and French Governments “deliberately passed on information” to Amsterdam and Brussels to induce the Netherlands and Belgian Governments to carry out the precautionary measures which they have taken.

M. Daladier, the French Premier, saw the Belgian Ambassador to-day.

He also saw General Gamelin, the Allied Commander-in-Chief.

Like Last November

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The military measures taken by Belgium and Holland, and the temporary cancellation of leave in the BEF, continue to be the subjects of much comment in Britain and other parts of the world.

No further statement has yet been made about the cancellation of leave for the BEF, but well-informed circles in London point out that the situation created over the week-end seems to have been similar to that in last November when the Low Countries were threatened by an invasion from Germany.

Calmly Vigilant

BRUSSELS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—While the situation continues to be easier to-night, Belgium's attitude is described as calmly vigilant.

Political circles state that it is unlikely that Phase D will be changed and that it is unlikely that there will be a return to Phase C.

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Aerial Battle Over N. Sea

Thrilling Details Of
Encounter

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry has released further details of Wednesday's air battle between R.A.F. bombers and Nazi fighters.

The planes, nine Bristol Blenheims, were reconnoitring in formation at a height of 5,000 feet when they were intercepted by the new fast Messerschmidt 110's at a point 150 miles north-west of the German island of Borkum.

Formation Beats Nazis

The British squadron leader turned the formation to lead the enemy away from their base and closed the formation.

Unable to find a blind spot from below, the Nazis spent almost half an hour attacking from the front, sides, and directly astern.

The formation was only broken when the engines of one British bomber were put out of action, and it fell astern. It was shot down by several Messerschmidts.

The other eight British Blenheims continued flying in even closer formation and soon one Nazi fighter received a full burst. As it crashed into the sea, it sent up a large column of water.

Germans Call It A Day

A second turned away, obviously hit, while a third seemed to have been seriously damaged.

One made a forced landing in Denmark, and it is thought that another came down into the sea.

The Germans made no further attempts to attack, whereupon the British bombers returned to their original course and completed their reconnaissance.

R.A.F. Planes “Closely Watched”

BERLIN, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Saturday's long-distance survey flight PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 5.

LATEST

Buried Alive 22 Hours, Two Men Rescued

FRANTIC EFFORTS to save the lives of two brothers who were buried alive in an abandoned tunnel at Shing Mun succeeded last night, after the men had been buried for 22 hours.

Although in a state of collapse owing to lack of fresh air and food, the two men escaped with only minor injuries.

The brothers were Wong Sau, aged 33, and Wong Choi, aged 23, both residents of Yuen Long village, N.T.

They entered the abandoned tunnel, which had been constructed in connection with work on the Jubilee Reservoir, at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

“We had only walked about twelve feet when the roof of the tunnel suddenly collapsed behind us,” one of the brothers said.

The two men walked on through the tunnel which, however, came to a dead end in the heart of the mountain.

Some hours after they had been buried other villagers, alarmed at their absence, commenced a search.

The brothers were able to make their plight known and a large number of miners from the nearby workings were enlisted to commence tunnelling operations.

The miners worked throughout Sunday and were finally able to reach the exhausted men at noon yesterday—twelve hours after they had been buried.

It is believed that the cave-in was caused by a wolf trap set by some other villagers.

RUSSIANS MOBILISE

Students Of 19 Years
Being Called Up

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LONDON, Jan. 15 (UP).—The Moscow radio to-day announced that all men between the ages of 19 and 20 inclusive have been called to the colours.

Students Affected

Commissioner Colonel Chernikov also announced that all men born in 1921 must immediately register for military service at special bureaux in Moscow.

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WANTONLY SUNK

Germans Torpedo Dutch Steamer

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The 8,000-ton Dutch steamer, Arendskerk, bound for South Africa from Antwerp was torpedoed by a German submarine in the Bay of Biscay, 100 miles off Ushant. She sank immediately.

The Italian steamer, Fedora, saved all the occupants. The steamer carried a crew of 65 but no passengers.

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Wants Bigger Submarines
Admiral Stark's New Request

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Rear Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of U.S. Naval Operations, speaking before the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives, said that the Navy needs bigger submarines than those of some other Powers because under-sea operations might be required in the South Atlantic.

Admiral Stark declared that Germany and Russia had built large numbers of small submarines for use against nearby potential enemies, but the United States builds submarines for operations against potential aggressive enemy action far distant from our shores.

Following Japan's Load.

"It has been the uniform policy of Japan to build a large number of submarines capable of operating in distant areas."

Replying to the criticism that the proposed \$1,300,000,000 expansion of the fleet was "too heavy in favour of destroyers," Admiral Stark asserted that Britain had 350 destroyers and other specially constructed escort vessels built or being built.

16 KILLED WHEN WALL COLLAPSES

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Sixteen were killed through the collapse of a wall during blasting at the Dos Carlos Silver Mine at Pachuca.

Six others are feared to be dying and four others were also injured.

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Army Insisting On Own Air Force

THE MINISTRY UNSYMPATHETIC

IT IS UNDERSTOOD that in spite of the unsympathetic attitude of the Air Ministry, the Army is pressing strongly, and will continue to press, its demand to have its own Air Force.

Army opinion argues confidently that it is necessary to have as complete a control as the Navy possesses of its own Air Arm.

It accepts the view that long-distance bombing and the air defence of Britain are not the duties of an army but of an air force.

But it advances the claim that the squadrons of an Expeditionary Force must carry out purely military duties essential to the conduct of war, and that, consequently, they should be an integral part of the Army and that their personnel should be Army men.

Airmen Agree

I believe this view is shared by many distinguished airmen who fought in the last war, as well as by military experts, who point out that short-range bombing machines can be compared with long-range artillery; reconnaissance machines with armoured scout cars and light tanks; and artillery co-operation machines with dominating observation posts on the ground.

Flight squadrons for the protection of slower machines and for harassing the enemy are likened to machine-gunners with wings.

While it is true that the Royal Air Force squadrons in France are co-operating excellently with the D.E.F., the Army holds that it will become increasingly necessary, as the war develops, that it should have as much control over the air weapon as over tanks, guns and all other military machines.

Special Training

For reconnaissance, for supplies and for technical co-operation in the battle zone, special types of aircraft are required, and special training is necessary for the purely military functions which the air arm will be called upon to perform under the direction of commanders in the field.

It remains to be seen whether the Air Ministry, which objects to the old arrangement before the Royal Air Force became a separate organization in April, 1918, will be able to retain control, or whether the Government will yield to the Army demands.

The probability is that actual large-scale experience under intensified war conditions will finally determine the issue.

A. J. C.

CONSCRIPTION TRIBUNAL

Public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal appointed by His Excellency the Governor, under the Compulsory Service Ordinance, No. 32 of 1939, will be held in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat, at 4.15 p.m. on Monday, January 22, Friday, January 26 and Monday, January 29, at adjoining booth.

THEY FORGOT THEIR BABY

DANVERS, Mass. (UP).—A young man and woman entered a restaurant, etc., paid their check and departed.

As they sped away in their automobile, an employee followed them in another machine. "I haven't you forgotten something," he shouted.

Mr. Tate added that he and his wife were overcome when they heard that their son was one of the Royal Oak survivors, but they did not know then that he was unlikely to live.

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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were levied on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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East Asia £ 78 n.

INSURANCES

Canton \$ 207 n.
Unior \$ 460 n.
China Underwriter \$ 114 n.
H.K. Fire \$ 180 n.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$ 72½ b.
Steamboats \$ 11 n.
Indo-Chinas Ps. 100 n.
Indo-Chinas D.S. 80 b.
Shell (Bearers) \$ 77 10½ n.
Waterboats \$ 7½ n.

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Wharves \$ 102 b.
Docks \$ 21 35 n.
Provident \$ 49 1/2 n.
New Eng. Sh. \$ 19.80 n.
Sh. Docks Sh. \$ 234 n.

MINING

Kullan \$ 10 n.
Ruth \$ 10 n.
Venz. Gold \$ 4 n.
H.K. Mines \$ 342 ets.

LANDS

Hotels \$ 53 b.
Lands 4% Deb. \$ 33 85 n.
Shui Landa Sh. \$ 15 n.
Humphreys \$ 0.74 b & n.
H.K. Estates \$ 101 n.

UTILITIES

Trams \$ 17.6 b. & ea.
Peak Trams (old) \$ 8 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$ 4 n.
Star Ferries \$ 68 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries \$ 24 b.

China Lights (old) \$ 7.05 n.
China Lights (new) \$ 4 1/2 b.
H.K. Electric \$ 55 b.
Macao Electric \$ 18 1/2 n.
Sunbeam Lights \$ 11 1/2 b.
Telephone (Gold) \$ 25 1/2 n.
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Traction \$ 16 1/2 n.
Traction (Prem) \$ 10 9/10 n.

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Cold. Mach. (Ord.) \$ 14.00 n.
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Canton Ice \$ 1 n.
Cements \$ 16 1/2 b.
H.K. Ropes \$ 0.10 n.

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Dairy Farms (old) \$ 22.00 n.
Dairy Farms (new) \$ 21 1/2 n.
Watson \$ 0.15 b.
Lane, Crawfords \$ 7 1/2 n.
Sincere \$ 1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$ 41 n.
Powell, Ltd. \$ 1.1 n.



Enjoying a good tuck-in.

EAT YOUR BUN

Varying the Flavour of Family Favourites

By
Mrs.
BARDELL

WHEREVER there are children in the home there should be a bun tin in the pantry. When all is said and done, the youngsters, from toddler to teens, prefer the homely, wholesome buns that mother makes to over-sweet sickly pastries.

I find that the surest way to a schoolboy's heart is to pack him off to school or play with a couple of rock cakes that he can get a satisfying bite from in his pocket.

An empty biscuit tin is an excellent place to keep your family buns in, for you can make a large batch, say, three or four dozen, in one baking, and they'll keep moist and fresh if the lid is fixed on tightly.

Now for some easy-to-make favourites which will go down well with the family.

Spley Mixture

Rock cakes with a spicy flavour are much appreciated.

Ingredients: 1 heaped breakfast-cupful flour, 1 egg and ½ breakfast-cupful brown sugar, 1 heaped dessertspoon, picked sultanas, pinch salt and grated nutmeg, ½ teasp. baking powder, 1 tablespoon, butter, 1 dessertspoon, chopped candied peel, 1 heaped dessertspoon, picked currants, 1 saltspoon, each ground all-spice, ginger and mace.

Sift flour, baking powder, salt, and spices into a basin. Rub in butter or margarine. Stir in sugar, chopped peel, washed and dried currants, and sultanas. Mix to a soft dough with a little of the sieved flour and beat well.

Fork out in rough heaps on buttered tins and bake in a quick oven till firm and brown. Turn out to a cake rack to cool.

Vanilla Drops

Quickly made and moisturish in flavour.

Ingredients: 10oz. flour, ½lb. sugar, 2 tablespoons milk, 1 teasp. baking powder, few drops vanilla, ½lb. butter, 2 eggs (or one egg and extra milk).

Cream butter and sugar, beat eggs well. Sift flour and baking powder together. Then add flour, add egg and milk alternately to butter and sugar. Flavour with a few drops of vanilla.

Drop teasp. of dough, well apart, on a buttered baking tin. Sprinkle with caster sugar. Bake ten minutes in a quick oven.

Old-Fashioned Caraway

These little buns are made in the same way as the raspberry buns given on this page, but ½oz. carra-

way seeds are stirred into the mixture before it is formed into rolls, and the raspberry jam is, of course, omitted.

Date Dafties

Good to eat and very nourishing. Ingredients: 1½ cups self-raising flour (add 2 teasp. baking powder if plain flour is used), 1 cupful sugar, 2 eggs, 1 cupful chopped dates, ¼ teasp. grated nutmeg, 1-3d. cupful butter, ½ teasp. ground ginger, ½ cupful milk, ½ teasp. ground cloves.

Cream butter and sugar. Sift flour, baking powder, if used, ginger, nutmeg, and cloves into a basin. Beat eggs well. Add flour and eggs alternately to butter and sugar.

Sift in milk and dates and mix well. Three-quarter fill greased bun tin with mixture.

Bake in a moderate oven about twenty minutes. Cool on a cake rack. Top with stoned dates, if liked.

Raspberry Favourite

Economical but considered a treat by small folk. They're good made by dripping, but you can use other fat if liked.

Rub 2oz. fat into ½lb. self-raising flour, add 2oz. sugar with a pinch of salt, and milk to make a stiffish mixture.

Divide into buns and place on a greased baking sheet. Make a hole

with a skewer into the top of each, drop in a little raspberry jam, close over again to keep the jam in, and bake in a quick oven for 15 to 20 minutes.

Rice is Nice

Satisfying and wholesome for schoolchildren are rice buns. Ingredients: 3oz. self-raising flour, 2oz. ground rice, 2oz. butter or margarine, few drops of vanilla essence, 2 eggs, 3oz. castor sugar.

Cream butter and sugar together, add the eggs gradually (or mix egg and 1 tablespoon of vinegar) with a little of the sieved flour and beat well.

Add the rest of the flour mixed with the ground rice, stir in the vanilla essence, then put the mixture into greased bun tins, and bake in a quick oven for ten to fifteen minutes.

Fruit and Nuts

They all like these mixed fruit buns, especially if a spoonful of chopped nuts are stirred in as a surprise.

Ingredients: 4oz. butter, 4oz. sugar, 2 eggs (or one egg and a tablespoonful of vinegar), 1 tablespoon, each of washed and dried currants, picked sultanas and shredded raisins, candied peel, a few chopped nuts, 6oz. flour, a pinch of salt, 1 teasp. of baking powder, a little milk if required.

Cream the butter and sugar, add the eggs gradually with a little of the sieved flour. Mix the prepared fruits and chopped nuts with the rest of the flour, etc., and add to the mixture. A little milk may be added if necessary.

SHORT CUTS

Cheese without the cheese sticking to the knife by holding a piece of waxed paper over the knife while cutting.

Instead of taking the time to shell peas, a busy cook may throw pods and all into boiling water. When cooked, the pods will rise to the surface while the peas will stay at the bottom of the kettle.

Cheese Dusties

IT is a curious sidelight on modern trends that, now when the necessity arises, we are rediscovering the virtues of foods that have sustained our forefathers for centuries! Cheese is a food our forefathers ate a great deal of, and wisely too, for it is a concentrated food and the goodness and flavour that can be brought out of it by simple preparation is amazing.

Here are a few dishes suitable for lunch or a sustenance supper:

Cheese Pudding

Take six to eight slices bread and butter, one pint milk, three ozs grated cheese, a little made mustard, pinch all-spice, and one egg.

Cut the slices of bread into squares. Arrange them in a buttered pie-dish with sprinklings of cheese in between, leaving a little of the cheese for top.

Beat the egg, add the salt, pepper, and all-spice custard over the milk, pour this savoury custard over the bread, sprinkle little cheese on top. Bake in a very moderate oven till the custard is very lightly set and the top brown.

An Economical Rabbit

Melt one oz. margarine in pan, add four ozs grated cheese, and allow to dissolve slowly. Blend half an oz flour with four tablespoons vinegar, then stir into cheese mixture.

Cook two to three minutes, stirring constantly—then add one tablespoon mashed potato. Heat well, then pour on to squares of buttered toast, and brown for a few seconds under a hot grill.

Cheese and Tomato Pie

This is very tasty with cold meat or sausages, or makes an excellent accompaniment to baked cod.

Choose firm tomatoes, and cut three-quarters of a lb into slices. Butter a pie-dish and prepare six tablespoons breadcrumbs, and grate six ozs cheese. Sprinkle a layer of breadcrumbs and cheese in bottom of dish, then a layer of sliced tomatoes. Sprinkle with a little pepper and all-spice, then add another layer breadcrumbs and cheese.

Continue till dish is full, arranging on top. Cook in a moderate oven for about 30 minutes. If serving this dish alone, decorate with snippets of toast.

Cheese and Potato Casserole

Pot and slice one lb potatoes and two onions. Partly cook (about 10 minutes) in boiling water, then strain off liquid. Grate three ozs cheese. Butter a pie-dish, put in layers of partly cooked potatoes and onions. Sprinkle with powdered mace, pepper, and grated cheese.

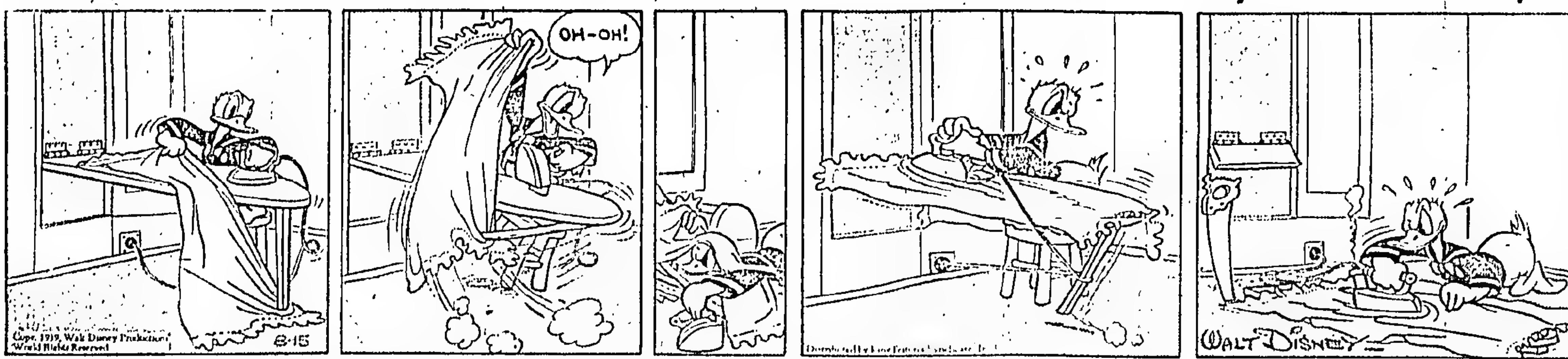
Arrange for the top layer to be of potatoes, and sprinkle over a little cheese. Cover with one pint milk or half milk and some oil. The vegetables were boiled in. Put a lid on dish or make a "cap" of greased paper, and bake slowly for one hour. Just before serving, take off lid and brown the top.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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16—Biscuits	17—Dish	18—Parchment	19—Taste	20—Frogs	21—Sleaved	22—Ginger brews	23—Most important	24—Amative	25—Aids	26—Who names	27—Western state	28—Wigwam	29—Up-to-date	30—Kind of duck
31—Giant	32—Liquor	33—Estimator	34—Tear	35—Aids	36—Ginger	37—South African hill	38—Tears asunder	39—Ginger	40—Aids	41—Edward's	42—Anger	43—Liquor	44—Put in background	45—Pair
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1.30 Reuter, Rugby press, weather forecast, announcements.

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11.15 Close Down.

Law Gives Way To Cupid

MOBILE, Ala. (UP)—Even the law bows to Dan Cupid...

Fred Schell was arraigned in inferior court on charges of passing another automobile on the Mobile viaduct.

He pleaded for a continuance on grounds it would interfere with his coming marriage.

"Okay," said Judge Tisdale J. Touart, "because you're going to cross your bridge sure enough this time."

R.A.F.'s DEADLY MULTI-GUN BATTERIES

(By RONALD WALKER)

FRANCE, Dec. 18. FROM an inspection to-day of another of the German Dornier bombers brought down yesterday it is clear that the destructive effect of the multi-guns of the British fighters is very great.

Before I left England I heard some doubts cast by experts on the value of the battery of machine-guns which equip our fighters.

Even a quick glance at these shot-down bombers, however, would dispel any doubt. Multi-machine-guns fired as one gun make a terrible weapon.

Where the machines have been struck exactly at the cone of fire the stream of bullets has torn great holes through the metal covering and structure of the aircraft. These holes have been blasted through fuselage and wing.

Accurate Shooting

At greater or shorter distances German pilots, who demonstrate very accurate shooting, have been able to spray their opponents with bullets using only very short bursts.

This German machine was landed by its pilot in a field not far from Meneacoule. He pulled off the landing with his undercarriage up.

Apparently it had been jammed by the fighter-pilot machine-gun fire. Previously his navigator and gunner had jumped with their parachutes.

The gunner, badly wounded, died on the way down. The top turret was battered by bullets.

Arrested By Civilians

The pilot was arrested by civilians after his machine had bumped and skidded to a halt over the muddy field. These people had watched the battle between the British fighter and the bomber breathlessly. It lasted for a quarter of an hour.

The German pilot did not set fire to his aircraft, which is practically intact except for damage by bullets to the engine.

Evidence from the plane proved that the Germans are attempting to make a very detailed survey of a wide area of France.

THE EX-KAISER MAY HAVE TO MOVE

(Continued from Page 4.)

would be given. Further flood-gates and sluices would be opened, others closed, and the waves would then be diverted eastward to flow remorselessly towards Germany.

Eastern Holland would be separated from the west, where lie the key towns of Amsterdam, The Hague, and Rotterdam—separated by a vast expanse of water, encompassing nearly one-third of the whole country.

This is the Dutch plan to resist invasion by Germany, and it would take only six hours to carry out.

The Dutch Government has passed the Emergency Decree proclaiming large sections of the country as areas for flooding, but because of the heavy sacrifice entailed and the fact that there appears at present to be no direct threat of invasion, the vital word of command is withheld.

This decree was primarily intended to warn the inhabitants of the districts concerned that they must expect to be compulsorily evacuated at a moment's notice.

Natural Floods

In my tour from Utrecht, where life is quite normal, to the German frontier, just beyond Nijmegen, I saw no signs of unusual activity. Many fields were flooded, but it was pointed out to me that this was due to the unusually high-water level of the River Waal.

A certain amount of deliberate flooding has been undertaken, but this was also the case in 1914. The areas are those which cannot be included in the six-hour scheme.

If and when the "big flood" is ordered the fertile meadows will be covered to a maximum depth of 2ft. This will be quite sufficient to make it impossible to distinguish between the fields and the myriad of 12ft. canals and ditches.

If any tank tries to cross that trap it will be just too bad for the tank, say the Dutch. So poor are the prospects, indeed, that the Dutch Army itself has only one tank. It was bought at the end of the last war, and after becoming bogged six times in a mile during its trial run it was transferred to the Dutch war-museum, where it still remains.

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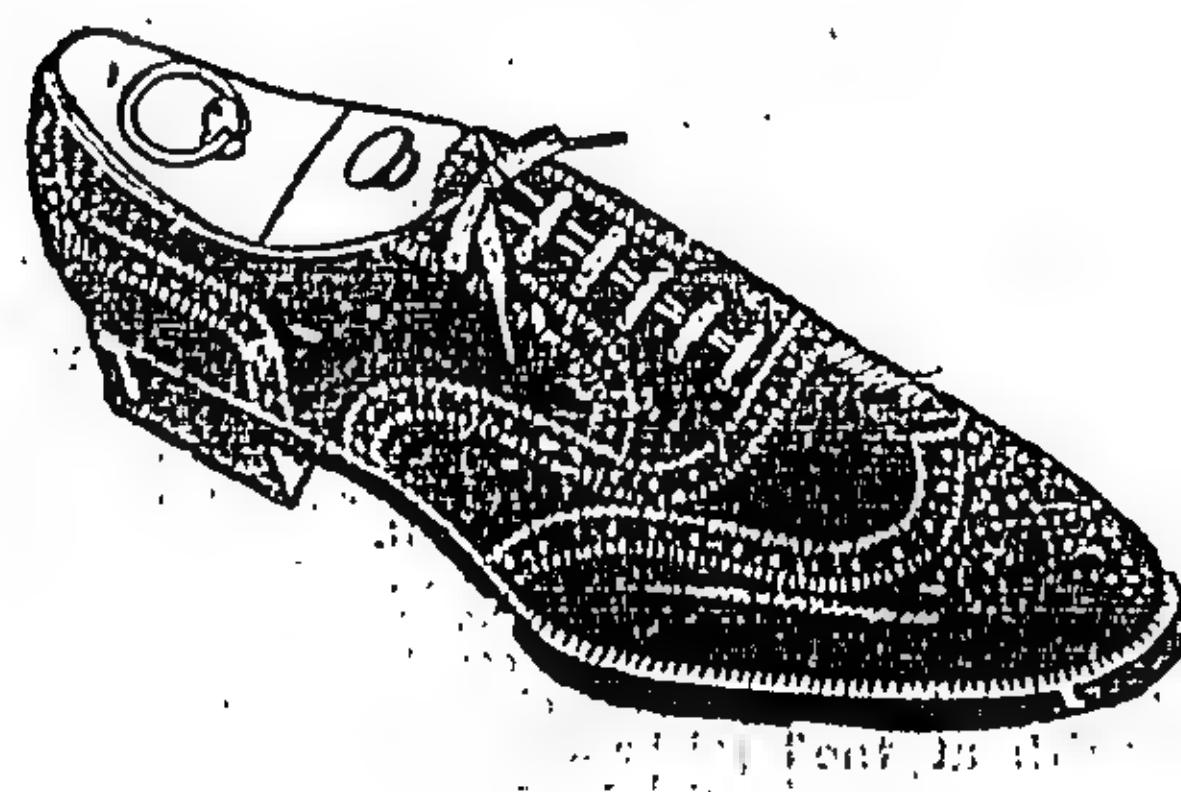
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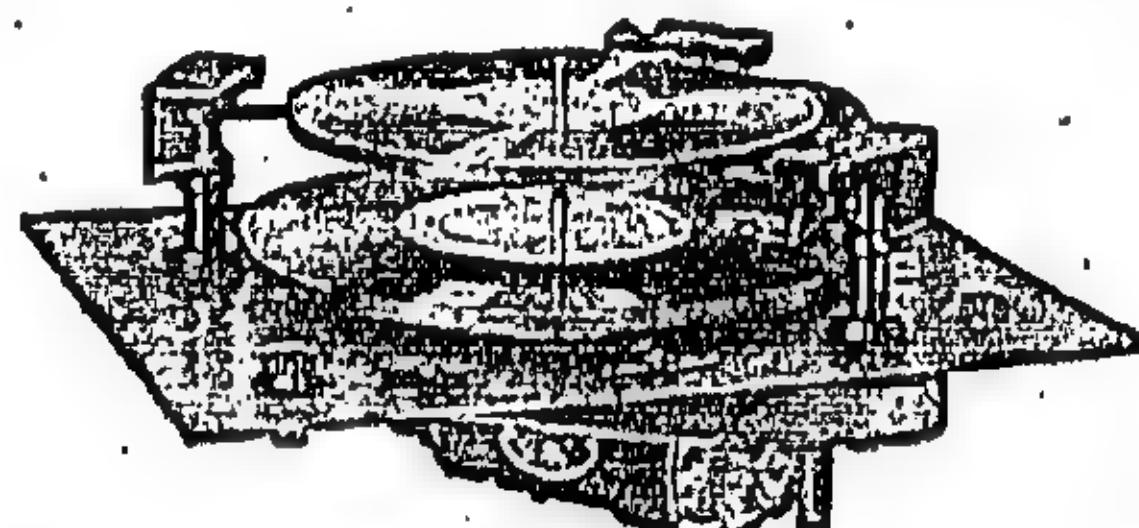
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Hongkong's Flora

The despoliation of the Colony's flora by countless gangs of firewood thieves has gained such alarming proportions, that a capably organised campaign in order to suppress the evil, is urgently needed.

It does not matter which district is considered, wherever trees and shrubs grow, these gangs of marauders are to be seen, day in and day out. Those who enjoy the Colony's countryside are horrified at the ruthless damage which has been done. Where once existed shaded forestry paths winding along the hillsides and through restful valleys, one now gazes upon ugly barren vistas, acre upon acre. Surely something can be done even at this late juncture?

Old residents who take a pride in the Colony point out to the newcomer that when Britain began development the hillsides were bare, and that the present beauty is the result of an early afforestation policy which has had the effect of transforming the barren nature then existing, to the pleasantly wooded Colony. It is estimated that on the island alone, several thousand people are engaged daily in this nefarious practice. There is no doubt that many of them are taking advantage of the high price of firewood, and find it a lucrative business in supplying firewood merchants from the hills and dales of the Colony.

Every firewood merchant should be licenced, and called upon at any time to reveal the source of supply. The gangs themselves should be dealt with as sternly as is any other class of thief, for unless effective measures are taken immediately, the damage will become irreparable.

There is some sympathy for the beggars who collect a few bundles of dry sticks, but sentiment cannot be tolerated when it means the gradual disfigurement of the appearance of the Colony. The Botanical and Forestry Department should collaborate with the Police in stamping out this scandal, otherwise we might just as well save the money which is spent in planting trees and shrubs. There is no excuse whatever, for the existing state of affairs, and it

A unknown number of German divisions are now massed along the Dutch and Belgian frontiers.

Scores of Nazi bombers are standing by on the frontier aerodromes and the tension has been increased by the imposition of a strict military censorship between Germany and the Low Countries.

What does it all mean? Is Hitler planning a Blitzkrieg through Holland or Belgium—or both—with the dual object of outflanking the Maginot Line and of establishing air and submarine bases on the Channel ports from which to launch his attack on Britain?

Such, in brief, is the strategy of the Von Epp plan, long toyed with by the German General Staff. But its chances of success are today small.

From the German point of view full success depends on a surprise attack of such force as to crush all opposition and enable German motorised columns swiftly to overrun the Low Countries.

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But today surprise is impossible. From the French border to the Zuider Zee is a chain of fortifications manned day and night by Belgian and Dutch troops.

By comparison with the sunken mountains of steel and concrete which are the Maginot and Siegfried Lines, the defences of the Low Countries are modest—pill-boxes and casemates, mined roads and bridges. Neither the Belgian nor the Dutch General Staffs believe that their defences are impregnable. They are merely designed to hold up a German attack until help reaches them from the Allies.

Such help would certainly come, for Pitt's words that a hostile Power in occupation of the ports of the Low Countries "is a pistol pointed at the heart of England" are as true today as they were in the Napoleonic wars.

The defences of Belgium are stronger than those of Holland and ten times as strong, according to King Leopold, as they were in 1914, when the German onslaught caught Belgium napping.

Belgium's defence lines, and there are many of them, pivot on the great and modernised fortress of Liege. Standing in the trough of the Meuse, along which all the German invasions of history have come, Liege comprises a double ring of forts at a distance of six and twelve miles respectively from the city. A continuous line of anti-tank defences and wire entanglements girdles the city and each individual fort is surrounded by deep anti-tank moats. Pill-boxes disguised as cottages and outhouses form the outposts.

If the Germans break through Holland, Belgium will fight along the new Albert Canal which stretches along her northern frontier eastward to Antwerp and is well fortified. Where the Albert Canal meets the Meuse is the new Eben Emael fort, cut into the solid cliff face with guns commanding the spot where the Germans crossed in 1914.

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WILL HITLER ATTACK
THE LOWLANDS?

frontier pill-boxes are manned, the Dutch army stands on guard.

Should the Germans strike, the Dutch will make their main stand along the Rivers Maas and Yssel, which flow parallel to the frontier.

If forced to retreat, the Dutch will call on their oldest ally—the sea—and flood a 25-mile-wide belt of country stretching from the Zuider Zee round Utrecht to the River Waal and the North Sea.

The hope is that Hitler's chariots will be caught in these waters to become a target for British bombers. But if the Germans over get as far as this into Holland, it will leave them free to wheel southward against Belgium along three main roads—from Nijmegen to Breda, and from Venlo to Maastricht.

One possibility is that Germany may be content with attacking Holland, in which case Belgium might still remain neutral.

In face of reverses, or the continued stalemate on the Western Front, Hitler may be tempted to try to repeat the great flanking movement through neutrality which so nearly succeeded for Germany in 1914.

S.E.

THE LOWLANDS

Neutrality

Both Belgium and Holland are neutral States in this war. Dutch neutrality is not internationally guaranteed like that of Switzerland. Holland is free to act as she thinks fit. No Power has the right to come automatically to her assistance.

The Belgian position is different. She had, till 1930, a military agreement with France. But France and Britain still guarantee her neutrality. There are, at present no military agreements between Holland and Belgium.

Both Powers are signatories of the Oslo Convention, together with Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Luxembourg, for the joint discussion of economic problems.

History

Belgium seceded from the Kingdom of the Netherlands (Holland) after a revolution in August, 1830. Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg was elected King 1831. Succeeded by Leopold II. (1865-1909), Albert (1909-1934) and Leopold III. Belgian independence recognised by all States of Europe at Treaty of London, 1839.

Language

There is no Belgian language. Northern half of Belgium is Flemish (Low Dutch) speaking, southern half is French speaking. This section of the population is called Walloon.

Until 1914-18 war French was official language. But in German occupied territory Flemish aspirations were encouraged.

Since that war the Flemings have gained ground. Flemings are mostly farmers with high birthrate, Walloons mostly industrial workers with low birthrate. Flemings would now prefer reunion with Holland. Walloons look to France. But Holland prefers Belgium to remain an independent buffer State.

Defences

Belgian Army is 800,000 men strength, Dutch is 250,000. Holland's first line of defence is behind the Rivers Yssel and Maas (see map). Beyond the protecting Amsterdam and Rotterdam, is a 25-mile-wide belt of floodable country.

Belgium's first line of defence on the north is behind the fortified Albert Canal between Antwerp and Maastricht. To the south-east the first line is formed by the forts round Liege and the hilly country of the Ardennes. Behind lies the strong line of forts on the left bank of the Meuse.

is planned as a strategic trap, trenches linking the forts and Belgium's army of 500,000, pill-boxes, mobilised within four days of the outbreak of war, is now roads, bridges and dykes of completing the digging of Holland are mined. All the

The ex-Kaiser may have to move

WHILE Holland stands by to open the flood-gates to let loose a 30-miles tidal wave as a barrier against invasion of her lowlands, the ex-Kaiser considers the possibility of having to move house in case his countrymen should cross the frontier.

I have just made a lightning tour of the area which would be flooded in the event of trouble. In the mid of that area is the Castle of Doorn, sanctuary of the 80-years-old ex-Kaiser.

Only last June the residents of Doorn gave the ex-Kaiser a summer-house. Here he is drinking their health at the presentation.



The Dutch authorities smiled when they heard that this white-haired old man who led his people to war 25 years ago was now busy building underground air-raid shelters.

They immediately despatched a courier inviting him to take up residence at the Hague should invasion seem imminent.

It is a tremendous scheme that Holland has embarked upon to protect her country.

To-night, at key points of the elaborate system of dykes, canals and waterways—memorials of her ceaseless fight with the sea—entrenchments stand waiting with wrenches, crowbars, and sticks of dynamite for a broadside word which would empower them to send a vast tidal wave of water from the North Sea to the higher elevations of the Belgian frontier.

The wave would sweep over fields and meadows, pour through villages, and isolate ancient towns, such as Utrecht, where I am writing this message.

When the wave reached the Belgian frontier, other commands

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Now Japanese Cabinet EXPECTED TO CHANGE ATTITUDE

Cordiality For The Western Powers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (UP)—While the State Department maintains a guarded silence on the Japanese Cabinet changes, diplomatic circles predict intensified Japanese efforts to reach an understanding with the United States and Great Britain before the expiration of the United States Trade Treaty on January 26.

Japanese circles here characterize the Yonai Government as a "strong Cabinet" capable of vigorous and independent action to meet the extraordinary situation.

Possible Agreement

The State Department declined to confirm or deny the Japanese statement that the proposed draft for a modus vivendi has already been submitted to Washington, but informed diplomats placed credence on the report, and suggested that the proposed agreement might somehow be related to the Japanese Cabinet change, since apparently the new Japanese Government is generally more friendly disposed to the Western Powers than the former Cabinet.

It is believed that they will have more freedom to pursue energetic actions necessary to effect an agree-

ment.

More Friendly Towards Britain

Informed quarters here said the resurgence of the Japanese Navy Group to power probably presages renewed emphasis on friendly relations with Great Britain, with whom the Japanese Naval authorities have consistently cordial.

They said it might indicate a reversal to the status which existed in the 1920's when Britain's Admiralty and the Japanese Naval Command co-operated closely on diplomatic lines.

Such a development, they said, would be significant in the United States by halting the trend towards an incipient naval race with Japan which, although costly and politically dangerous here, would probably prove to be economically disastrous to Japan who is already involved in a costly military adventure.

War Will Continue

Informed quarters also express the belief that no drastic modification is likely to occur in the Japanese military operations, but that the Cabinet shift might result in an altered policy towards the Western Powers in China.

The first impression of keen analysts here is that the new Japanese Cabinet is better equipped with non-political and political prestige to effect a change in the Japanese national policy than was the former Cabinet.

This is considered to be an essential requirement in working out an agreement with the United States.

SUSPECTED SABOTAGE

Factories Destroyed By Fire In Berlin

BERLIN, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—There have been four large fires in Berlin in 24 hours.

Two factories were completely destroyed while a third was badly damaged.

Extreme cold made it difficult for the Berlin firemen to prevent the flames from spreading.

In spite of the death penalty for incendiarism, there have been many cases recently, and it is thought that these four fires are also due to sabotage.

Interports Clash

No Ground Available For Rugbytes

SHANGHAI, Jan. 15 (UP).—Having learned that Hongkong is willing to send a rugby football team to Shanghai for an interport match during the Chinese New Year holidays, local officials are at present puzzled where to play the match, owing to the Canidrome being used for the football interport, which is being played on the same day.

The Canidrome is the only available ground with suitable accommodation.

There has been no news as to when the Hongkong team will arrive, and Shanghai have not yet picked their team.

SELECTING SOCCER TEAM

THE SHANGHAI F.A. is meeting on Wednesday to map out plans for the interport, and at the same meeting the northern team will probably be selected.

WOMEN UNDECIDED

THE SHANGHAI LADIES HOCKEY ASSOCIATION are still undecided whether to accept the challenge from Hongkong owing to a lack of funds. There will be a meeting shortly, however, to discuss the matter.

Jews' Plight In Germany

Only 16 Per Cent. Are Now Employed

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Only 16 per cent. of Jews of the old Reich in Nazi Germany are now in employment according to the "Manchester Guardian."

Fortunately, says the paper, the Central Jewish Organization has at least been able to organize relief, and the horrors of transportation to the Jewish sector in Poland have not yet been realised—in any very large measure.

In Vienna, however, many have followed the path to the Ghetto of Extermination.

Under the heading, "Wings Over Austria," the "Manchester Guardian," in another leading article, says that Saturday's R.A.F. flight has brought to the people of Austria and Czechoslovakia a reminder that they are still within the range of better neighbours than the Nazis.

Brilliant Survey Flight

"The News Chronicle" emphasises that the flight will bring new hope that the flight will bring new hope to the Czechs and Austrians, while the "Daily Telegraph" calling it the most brilliant survey flight of the war, said that it will become known to the Germans that their Fuehrer cannot shelter them from the air power of the Allies and that the most remote parts of Greater Germany are not safe when the British and French choose to strike.

AERIAL BATTLE OVER NORTH SEA

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NAZIS MAY USE PACIFIC AS SUPPLY ROUTE

PARIS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The possibilities of Germans running supplies across the Pacific to Vladivostok and other ports from America under the "Cush and Curry" system are not being lost sight of in the Allied Contraband Control, which is tightening around all kinds of German vessels.

As regards Russian oil supplies for Germany, it is understood that one route from Baku lies via the Volga to Moscow, then by canal to Leningrad, and from there to Germany by sea.

New Treaty Sought

Tokyo Discussion With U.S. Ambassador

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, stated to-day that a new commercial treaty with Japan is being discussed at Tokyo.

Asked at a Press Conference with regard to despatches from Tokyo in which Japan had submitted proposals dealing with Japanese-American trade relations after January 26, Mr. Hull replied that all matters in which the governments were interested were under discussion from time to time between Mr. Joseph Grew and the Tokyo Foreign Office.

No Developments

These matters include the commercial treaty situation and related topics, Mr. Hull said. He added that at present there were no developments.

After the conference, a State Department official explained that the United States had not raised the question of a new commercial treaty, but Japan was anxious for a new treaty with the United States and had undoubtedly injected the matter into the Tokyo discussions.

BELIEVED REASON FOR PRECAUTIONS

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emergency measures adopted by the Lowlands.

D.N.B., the official German news agency, comments to-day in the following vein: "In view of the impossibility of activity along the Maginot Line, Britain and France are now seeking to provoke Germany into entering Holland and Belgium."

Prepared For Anything

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The Dutch military authorities continued to check over the country's defence preparations to-day, but no new measure was announced.

"Holland is prepared for anything, but it must not be assumed that there is any imminent danger at the moment," "Reuter" was told in The Hague.

There has been little development in the situation since yesterday.

Intensive movements of German planes continue to be reported from across the frontier, but according to usually well-informed sources, the concentrations are much bigger opposite Belgium than opposite Holland.

Political quarters here have the impression that Belgium is playing the leading role in this particular crisis.

Rumours of a Belgo-Dutch military alliance are discounted at The Hague. It is pointed out that the positions of the two countries are very different.

Were Holland invaded it might be important that Belgium enter the war, but if Belgium were invaded, it might be far more advantageous to Denmark to have Holland neutral.

Meanwhile, the Dutch and Belgian Governments are keeping continual touch with each other.

The Dutch papers are dealing with the situation more fully than they did last November, and the population is noticeably less nervous, but crowds gather at the news-stalls where British and French newspapers are displayed and gravely discuss the London and Paris versions of the situation.

These versions are much more alarming than the accounts published here.

Unknown persons to-day smashed the windows of the German Travel Bureau in one of Amsterdam's main streets.

I. R. C. Singles Semi-Final

A. R. Kitchell entered the final of the Indian Recreation Club's tennis singles championships on Sunday when he beat O. Runjahn 12-10, 7-5, 6-3.

Kitchell now meets either S.A. or H. D. Runjahn.

Comparatively All Quiet On W.F.

PARIS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—To-day's communiqué states that there was activity of patrols and artillery.

There were also local encounters be-

tween reconnaissance units.

RUSSIANS LAUNCH HEAVIEST RAIDS

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the roads continue to be machine-hunted.

None of our land lines of communication is threatened and traffic nowhere is seriously interrupted.

A number of enemy planes destroyed and shot down during the week is well above the number of Finnish planes killed.

Vipuri (Viborg) had the worst bombing of the war this afternoon.

Many buildings were set afire and all the shop fronts in one street were blown away.

Twenty-two, bombers participated in the raid.

Winged Death

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINKIFORS, Jan. 15 (UP).—Scores of Russian planes raided Finland this morning.

Two alarms were sounded in Helsinki and three planes were seen bombing some distance north of the city.

Soviets' New Technique

The Finns believe that the Russians have decided to use their air supremacy before the Finns have acquired sufficient fighter fighting planes to make their raids dangerous.

It is suggested that Russia's aim will attempt to frighten Sweden and Norway from continuing their aid to Finland.

It is believed the attempt will fail.

An official communiqué says that the Andam Islands were among the districts bombed yesterday.

Vaasa suffered the worst damage in yesterday's air raids.

Eight civilians including women and children were killed and many others were wounded. Damage to property was great.

Many Towns Bombed

HELSINKIFORS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).

A communiqué says that on January 14 the home area as well as the war zone experienced numerous air raids, and mentions that many towns were bombed.

The communiqué says that Vaasa suffered most. There were eight civilians, including women and children, killed and many wounded.

Considerable material damage was done elsewhere. Casualties were relatively small.

300 Machines Take Part

Part of the enemy machines came from the Arctic over Norwegian territory.

The number of machines over Finland during the day is estimated at over 300. Three were shot down and the shooting down of another three awaits confirmation.

The wreckage of three more were found. These were among the unconfirmed cases reported on January 12.

Must Have More Help

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Finland must have more help from abroad if she is to counter the Soviet superiority in the air, a Finnish Legion spokesman told "Reuter."

The partially cloudy weather in the last three days has enabled Russian bombers to approach their objectives and in this way 27 districts were bombed.

In the course of one attack, 400 planes participated and dropped over 1,000 bombs.

The Russians are using the aerial pincer movement. They are using their new bases in Estonia in order to make raids on the west coast. Their airports along the eastern frontier are used to cover the rest of the country.

Morale Unbroken

Finland cannot counter this advantage, her chief air bases being on the south coast behind the Karelian Isthmus defences.

Despite constant strafing from the air, the morale of the Finns is unbroken, but it would be tragic if the world thought that Finland's great successes on land meant that she was winning the war.

The Finns realised well that such successes were not successes only.

Groups of Russians are still being brought into play. Furthermore, the Russians have dominated the sides with their bombers.

Finland must have more fighters.

Herr von Ribbentrop depends upon her securing more help in the air. She has appealed to the whole world to help her counter Russia's strength.

Roosevelt's Gesture

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has informed Congressional leaders that he will send a communication to Congress shortly on extending aid to Finland.

It is predicted that the President will advise Congress that any United States assistance to Finland should be confined to non-military assistance.

A Senate authority stated that President Roosevelt would discuss the question of an additional loan to Finland through the Export and Import Bank for non-military purchases in the United States.

8,500 HOUSES RAIZED BY FIRE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 10 (Domei).—Up to 7:30 o'clock last night about 8,000 houses were believed to have been reduced to ashes by the disastrous fire in the city of Shizukawa in Western Japan. About 50,000 people have been rendered homeless.

The fire began to burn down for the first time about 9 o'clock in the night.

The prosperous city, with a population of 200,000 and about 30,000 houses, has been gutted from the northwestern tip to the southeastern end. Among the latest important buildings razed were the Minya Shimbun and the City Post Office. The Imperial villa, the Prefectural Government, the City Office, and the Police Station were reported to be safe.

A gale is blamed for the disaster.

U.S. Revolution Plot

DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED

Many More Arrests Indicated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (UP).—Sixteen members of the Christian Front, arrested yesterday on charges of attempting to create a revolution for the overthrow of the United States Government, pleaded their innocence before the Federal Court in Brooklyn and were held for hearing on February 5 under bail of \$50,000 each.

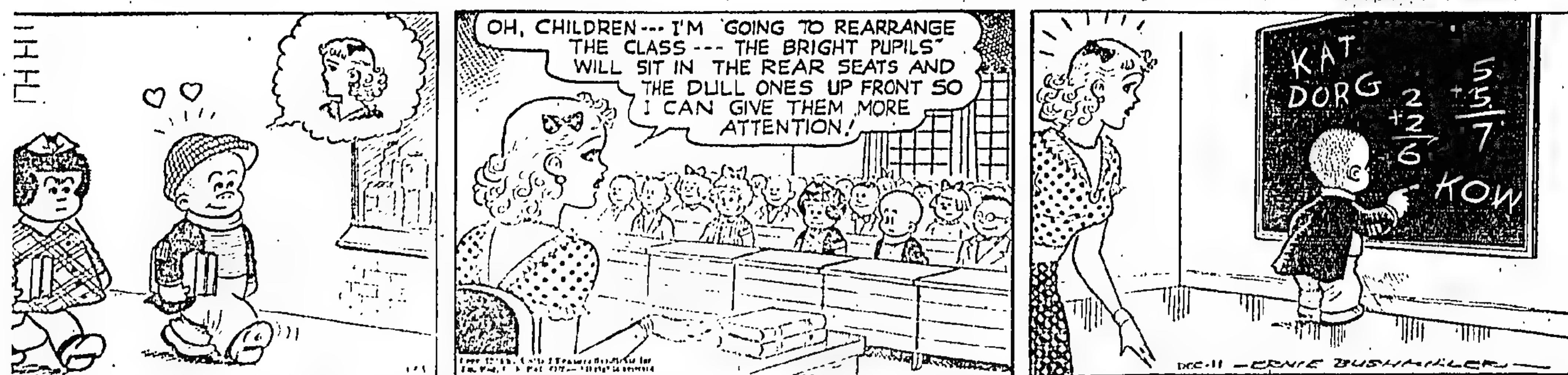
Federal officials said the other two members would be arraigned later. They also stated that the 16 men arrested were only part of a larger group still under investigation.

Immediate Action Threat

Mr. Harold M. Kennedy, the United States Attorney at Brooklyn, said a joint inquiry with the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed that the leaders threatened "immediate action," hence the arrests were made earlier than originally planned.

It was said the evidence indicated that the alleged terrorists planned to start activities about January 20.

NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



"OH, hello, Chipping," greeted Masters. "How are you? Congratulations . . . Yes."

"Er—thank you," murmured Chips. "My wife would so like to meet you. May I bring her in? We'll only stay a moment." He turned in the doorway to call: "Come in, Kathie."

She entered, looking most radiant and beautiful. She was a vision as she stood there, at Chip's side, smiling at the masters who stiffened as though to "Attention!" at drill, and stared.

"Er—these are my colleagues, my dear. Mr. Raven."

Raven bowed, a fixed, blank smile on his face.

"Mr. Murdock, Mr. Porter-Watson—" There was an incredulous, baffled expression in Porter-Watson's eyes.

"Mr. Hildersley, Mr. McGulloch," continued Chips' voice.



KATHIE made a general bow in smiling acknowledgment of the introductions. "It's so nice to meet you—just a little terrifying."

"Won't . . . won't you sit down?" gulped Porter-Watson. At this invitation the spell that had held them silent and amazed was broken; they all rushed to fetch a chair for her.

"I'm afraid I oughtn't to break into a private room," said Kathie.

"Not at all." "It isn't at all private—certainly not!" chorused a number of voices.

"Why, Chips told me it was terribly private!"

"Chips?" muttered Hildersley vaguely.

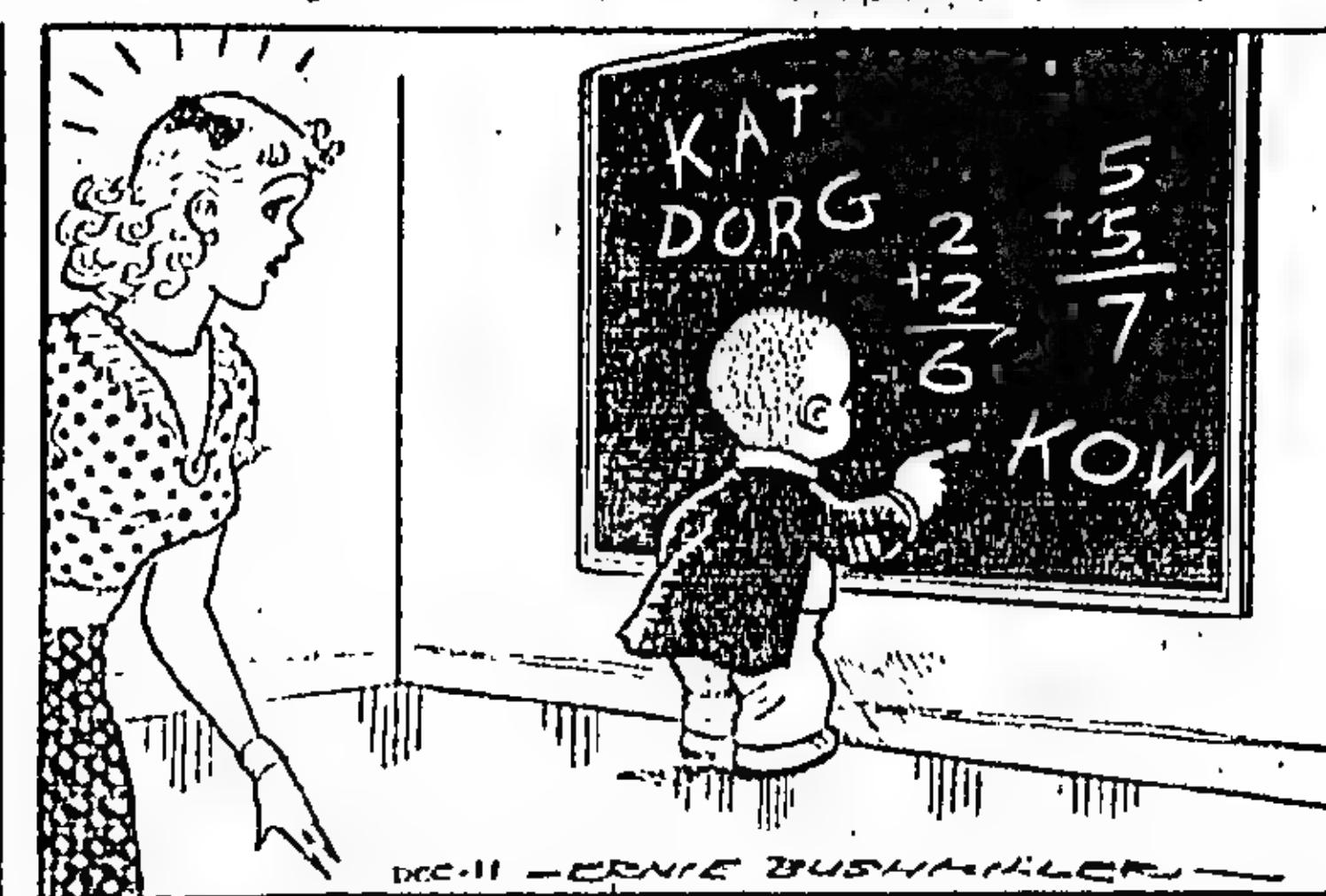
"My dear, I told you not to," said Chips, very much embarrassed. He explained: "It's just—er—a sort of nickname she's given me."

Murdock sprang to his feet and slapped Chips heartily on the back. "Chips! Why didn't we think of that? You must stay and have tea with us, Mrs. Chips."

"Oh, I don't think we—"

"Oh, you must." "Of course. "Couldn't think of your leaving without tea." "Here comes Jenkins with it now." The various masters all spoke at the same time.

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"Really?" asked Kathie. "Do you think we'll beat Sedbury, Martin?"

"We ought to—"

"The Sedbugs are funks anyway," cut in another boy.

"The what?" asked Kathie puzzled.

"Sedbugs—that's our name for them."

"I see. And what do they call you? The Brookies?" after the roar of laughter that met her sally had died down, she continued: "Well, if you win the match, Mr. Chipping and I must give you a feast of victory." The boys enjoyed themselves so much that they stayed until Chips had to send them away so they wouldn't be late for chapel.

"What a nice lot they are," remarked Kathie, after the last boy had gone.

"They certainly are when you get to know them like this, though what authority I shall have in class after these orgies—"

"Ten times more," said Kathie, "because they'll look upon you as a friend."

"What a revolutionary you are."

She brushed the tobacco from his coat. "Try one of these jokes you've always kept hidden away—and see what happens."

"No, Kathie!" he cried in mock alarm. "There's a limit even to revolutions!"

BUT in the Latin class next day, as he stood before the blackboard when a sudden storm of laughter hit him like a wave. The boys laughed so long that he had to tell them: "That will be enough, thanks." Martin, however, could not stop.

For a moment there was no response to his experimental joke.

An expression of alarm was forming on his face and he was turning back to the blackboard when a sudden storm of laughter hit him like a wave. The boys laughed so long that he had to tell them: "That will be enough, thanks." Martin, however, could not stop.

"It's very kind of you, Martin, to express such violent appreciation of my—er—little joke, but we mustn't return you to your parents with a broken blood vessel."

Laughter broke out again, and Chips felt a little surge of triumph sweep over him.

"Can anybody tell me what is the Lex Canuleia?"

Not a hand was raised. He called on Mason. Mason didn't know.

"It was the law that allows patricians to marry plebeians," Chips explained, and over his face passed an expression of one about to take a plunge into strange waters which he fears are very cold. He took a deep breath and went on: "It was a very handy law. For if Mr. Patrician told Miss Plebeia that he was sorry but he couldn't marry her, after they made the Lex Canuleia she probably replied, 'Oh, yes you can, you liar.'

For a moment there was no response to his experimental joke.

"They certainly are when you get to know them like this, though what authority I shall have in class after these orgies—"

"Ten times more," said Kathie, "because they'll look upon you as a friend."

"What a revolutionary you are."

She brushed the tobacco from his coat. "Try one of these jokes you've always kept hidden away—and see what happens."

"No, Kathie!" he cried in mock alarm. "There's a limit even to revolutions!"

BUT in the Latin class next day, as he stood before the blackboard when a sudden storm of laughter hit him like a wave. The boys laughed so long that he had to tell them: "That will be enough, thanks." Martin, however, could not stop.

For a moment there was no response to his experimental joke.

An expression of alarm was forming on his face and he was turning back to the blackboard when a sudden storm of laughter hit him like a wave. The boys laughed so long that he had to tell them: "That will be enough, thanks." Martin, however, could not stop.

"It's very kind of you, Martin, to express such violent appreciation of my—er—little joke, but we mustn't return you to your parents with a broken blood vessel."

Laughter broke out again, and Chips felt a little surge of triumph sweep over him.

"TO-MORROW APRIL FOOL

The Police Reserve

Police Reserve orders by Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police are:

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Recruits who have not passed Part I of Training Course will attend Central Police Station on Wednesday at 9.30 a.m. for instruction under Sub-Inspector Chan Ching-tung. Dress—Blue uniform, cap with white cover, belt with brace, whistle, chain, truncheon.

Patrol duties as ordered.

Indian Company

Corporal—Constable R228 M. S. Ved taken on the strength from December 20 should read Constable R229 Gurcharan Singh.

The undermentioned will attend Central Police Station on Wednesday at 9.30 p.m. for drill under Sub-Inspector for Ichdi Yahan.

Constables M. Ali, A. Karim, Sarwar Khan, M. Atali, A. Hamid, B. Abbas, A. Mohamed, Abdulla Khan, M. Ramzan, Keam Ali, N. Khan, A. Hamid, N. Mohamed, Iqbal, Ghulam, Singh, Mohamed, Currim, Sultan Khan, M. Yusuf, M. Hoosen. Dress—Blue uniform, cap with white cover, belt with brace, whistle, chain, truncheon.

Patrol duties as ordered.

Flying Squad

Patrol duties as ordered.

Emergency Unit Reserve

Recruits will parade at No. 2 Police Station at 9.30 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday for Squad Drill.

The following will attend King's Park revolver range on Sunday, at 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. for Part III Training Course—Constable

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Meet at Star Ferry, Kowloon, at 10.10 a.m. for N.C.O.'s meeting, will be held at No. 2 Police Station on Sunday, at 8.30 p.m.

Patrol duties as ordered.

Criminal Sessions

Many cases are to come up before the Criminal Sessions, on Monday, including one of murder. Following is the list:

Wong Ngai, possession of dangerous drugs;

Chan Tung and five others, robbery and accessory before the fact;

Pang Tak, breach of the Deportation Ordinance;

Yiu Kau and another, robbery by two or more;

Ifo Kau, alias Ho Kau, armed robbery;

Chi Kwai, breach of the Deportation Ordinance;

Wan Poing, alias Wan Kwong, robbery with violence;

Wong Kau, breach of the Deportation Ordinance;

Li Sung, Wu Wing, Ho On, Pun Fat, Wong Lee, Chan Tol, a woman, and Wong Wah, conspiracy, forgery of documents, possession of forged documents, possession of forged documents, demanding money on forged documents, and embezzlement;

Tung Ying, robbery with violence;

Ching Sam, branch of the Deportation Ordinance;

Wong Sung and Li Kam-jam, demanding money on forged documents, conspiracy to defraud;

Li King-fai, forgery of postal letters;

Ching Choi, Lam Hing, robbery by two or more;

Min Chin, armed robbery;

Chen You, Kun Kun Tai robbery;

Chen Hing, Chan Sung, Cheung Tai, Lau Shing, robbery by two or more, conspiracy to rob and disbanding, giving evidence;

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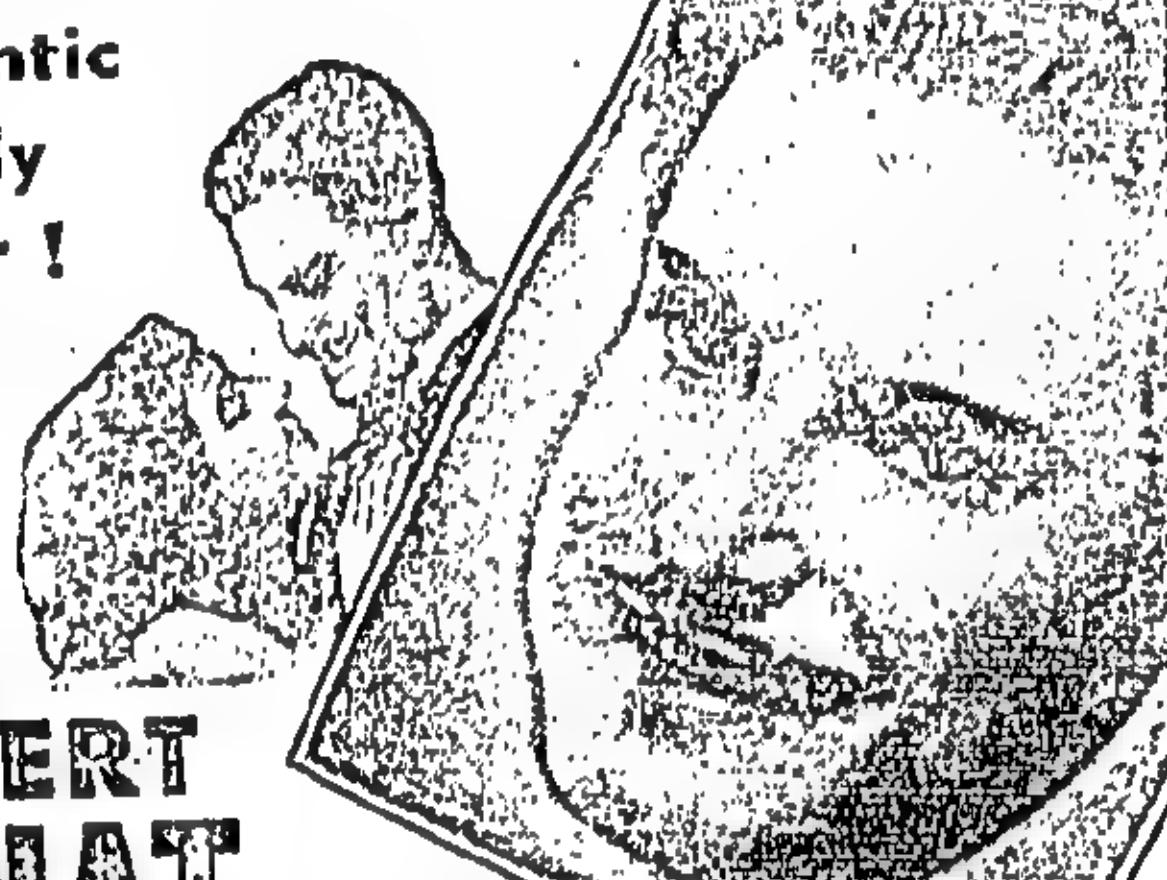
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HITLER SPIES AS 'DUTCH POLICE'

AMSTERDAM.

A WIDESPREAD plot to smuggle into Holland a number of German spies, dressed in Dutch uniforms, has been unearthed here following the arrest of a young Dutch Nazi.

The man, named Albrink, was stopped by Customs officials at Rammelbeck, on the German frontier.

The car he was driving was searched and in it were found trunk loads of Dutch uniforms—those of military police, ordinary police, railway guards and postmen.

Inside Frontier
Albrink, whose home was in the Dutch frontier town of Denekamp, worked for a garage proprietor in Nordhorn, just inside Germany.

As he was thus constantly crossing the frontier, he apparently thought he would not be challenged by the Customs.

But he had been watched by the authorities for some time and they struck at his plan nearer fruition.

It is supposed that Albrink, acting on instructions, bought the uniforms from secondhand clothes dealers in Holland.

To Be Copied

He was taking them to Germany so that they might be copied.

Nazi spies would thus have been enabled to cross the frontier in Dutch uniforms and, when they arrived, have a greater freedom of movement than ordinary people.

Both Albrink and his father are members of the Dutch Nazi Party.

1914-18 AIR ACES IN FRANCE

MEN who between 1914 and 1918 fought aerial battles over the German lines are now helping to fight aerial battles from the ground. Aerial combat is a young man's job, and they are too old to take to the air again.

Many are members of the staff organisation that directs the present generation of fighter pilots of the R.A.F. to successful action. Some are in ground jobs at Fighter Command stations. Others again are at the Air Ministry.

These men were among the first to respond when the R.A.F. was expanded on a war basis. They still carry pilot's wings on their tunics, but the only flying most of them do is in communication aircraft, just as business men use a car in the day's work.

Ribbons Tell History

Their history is told by rows of medal ribbons. A veteran of four wars won his first decoration in the Matilda campaign, long before the first aircraft left the ground. At the nine R.A.F. station is a British officer who wears the uniform of the Navy. He won the Distinguished Flying Cross in the last war for sinking a submarine from an airship.

Others fought the Richthofen "Circus," which became almost a legend on the Western Front. One, who served with the French Air Force, was already a veteran in the last war. He is one of the R.A.F.'s oldest serving officers, but has been flying "dual" on a communication aircraft.

Brought Down 17

A grey-haired pilot who wears the ribbon and bar of the Distinguished Flying Cross and was officially credited with having brought down 17 German aircraft is delighted to be again flying Service aircraft, after 21 years' interval.

In those days he flew Canards.

"Grand machines" he found them,

but he is still young enough to see both sides of a question.

"We had no parachutes," he says, "and engine failure was all too common, but the machines were slow, could be landed in almost any field. With the modern

Service machine you have a para-

chute that really works, and there

are many aerodromes, but you also

have high landing speeds and three

or four times as many controls to

operate." His sixteen year old son

is an expert multiplane pilot. "I left

to get into the R.A.F." his

other says, "now my boy is hoping

against hope that he will get his

chance. I dare not try and put him

off—and I don't think I want to."

AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT has been reached

between Berlin and Moscow on the

exchange of minorities in Poland.

According to German estimates,

115,000 persons of German nation-

ality and 1,000,000 Russians, Ukra-

inians and Ruthenians will be trans-

ferred.

Many Polish Jews are expected to

take advantage of the more liberal

Soviet views on nationality to declare

themselves Russians or Ukrainians.

MOTHER MEDALS

GERMAN mothers who have had

four or more children are given

special medals—with the compliments

of the Führer. In Munich alone,

according to the Neuste Muenchner

Zeitung, 4,000 were distributed in the

past six months to women aged be-

tween 60 and 70. There will be a

new distribution next month for

mothers aged 50-60. They number

4,000.

Thirty per cent. of all medals are

given to mothers with eight or more

children, says the paper.

DESTROY HITLER

A MANIFESTO to the German

people demanding the destruction of

a Free Germany was read on the

German Free Radio.

The announcer said that after the

Munich bomb explosion the leaders

of the German Socialist Freedom

Party met somewhere in Germany

and issued the manifesto.

"The struggle is not waged by

foreign countries or foreign agents,

but by millions of German workers,"

said the broadcast. "The third,

fourth, or fifth blow will strike down

Hitler. But we want more. We are

not satisfied with the destruction of

Hitler and his party. We want a

Free Germany."

LATE NEWS

Commons Statement

Eagerly Awaited

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—

Although there is widespread

interest in the personal state-

ment which Mr. Leslie Hore-

Belisha, the former War Minis-

ter, will make in the House of

Commons to-morrow, there is

always the possibility that the

much-heralded debate may come

to nothing, says "Reuter's" Lob-

by correspondent.

May Avoid Controversy

It is considered possible that he

may take the line that no unnecessary

controversy should be aroused at

present.

Mr. Hore-Belisha's statement is

likely to begin between 3.15 p.m. and

3.30 p.m. Mr. Chamberlain is due to

make his review of the progress of

the war immediately afterwards.

The Prime Minister probably will

preface his statement with comments

on Mr. Hore-Belisha's speech.

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KING LEOPOLD AT HEAD OF ARMY

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under there is a great change in the international situation.

It is understood that the reason for the measures taken over the weekend was not due to discovery of plans on a German aeroplane which made a forced landing, but to political and military information received in Brussels.

SIGNS OF AN OFFENSIVE

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—It is impossible to obtain authoritative information on Berlin to show whether the Belgo-Dutch defence measures are really justified by the German threats, states the Berlin correspondent of the "Dagbladet."

Certain quarters in Berlin, however, are not surprised at these measures, since there are many signs to indicate that an offensive is planned for this month.

It is unlikely that an offensive would open with a breach of Holland's neutrality, but events might lead to this.

The intense cold improves the possibilities of action in the flooded Low Countries.

TO END WAR QUICKLY

The only object of an immediate German offensive would be to end the war very quickly. Soldiers of units visited by Hitler at Christmas have written home to the effect that Hitler told the troops that the war would be over by spring, but authoritative sources in Berlin describe such reports as nonsense.

The presence of large German concentrations near the Dutch frontier is no longer a military secret.

RELAXATION CONTINUES

BRUSSELS, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Although relaxation of the tension continues, well-informed circles say that it would be premature to state that the situation is bound to return to normal.

King Leopold of the Belgians received M. Lubert Pierlot, the Prime Minister, yesterday afternoon.

M. Pierlot also interviewed M. Paul Spaak, the Foreign Minister, who afterwards saw the Defence Minister.

Restrictions in the closing hour of cafés were removed yesterday evening.

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RUSSIANS LAUNCH HEAVIEST RAIDS

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the roads continue to be machine-gunned.

None of our land lines of communication are threatened and traffic nowhere is seriously interrupted.

A number of enemy planes destroyed and shot down during the week is well above the number of Finnish civilians killed.

Vipuri (Viborg) had the worst bombing of the war this afternoon. Many buildings were set afire and all the shop fronts in one street were blown away.

Twenty-two bombers participated in the raid.

Winged Death

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINKI, Jan. 15 (UP).—Scores of Russian planes raided Finland this morning.

Two alarms were sounded in Helsinki and three planes were seen bombing some distance north of the city.

Soviets' New Technique

The Finns believe that the Russians have decided to use their air supremacy before the Finns have acquired sufficient foreign fighting planes to make their raids dangerous, and it is suggested that Russian pilots will attempt to frighten Sweden and Norway from continuing their aid to Finland.

It is believed the attempt will fail.

An official communiqué says that the Aland Islands were among the districts bombed yesterday.

Vipuri suffered the worst damage in yesterday's air raids. Eight civilians including women and children were killed and many others were wounded. Damage to property was great.

Many Towns Bombed

HELSINKI, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—A communiqué says that on January 14 the home area as well as the war zone experienced numerous air raids, and indications that many towns were bombed.

The communiqué says that Vipuri suffered most. There were eight civilians, including women and children, killed and many wounded.

Considerable material damage was done elsewhere. Casualties were relatively small.

300 Machines Take Part

Part of the enemy machines came from the Arctic over Norwegian territory.

The number of machines over Finland during the day is estimated at over 300. Three were shot down and the shooting down of another three awaits confirmation.

The wrecks of three more were found. These were among the unconfirmed cases reported on January 12.

Must Have More Help

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Finland must have more help from abroad if she is to counter the Soviet superiority in the air, a Finnish Legion spokesman told "Reuter."

The partially cloudy weather in the last three days has enabled Russian bombers to approach their objectives and in this way 27 districts were bombed.

In the course of one attack, 400 planes participated and dropped over 1,000 bombs.

The Russians are using the aerial mines movement. They are using their new bases in Estonia in order to make raids on the west coast. Their airports along the eastern frontier are used to cover the rest of the country.

Morale Unbroken

Finland cannot counter this advantage, her chief air bases being on the south coast behind the Karelian Isthmus defences.

Despite constant strafing from the air, the morale of the Finns is unbroken, but it would be tragic if the world thought that Finland's great successes on land meant that she was winning the war.

The Finns realised well that such successes were local successes only. Great masses of Russians are still being brought into play. Further-

NAZIS CLAIM THIS IS FRENCH TOWN



THIS GERMAN PHOTOGRAPH was taken on the Western Front and, according to a German caption, shows British running across a deserted street into which Magnot Line artillery fire is still pouring.—South China Photo Service.

GUNMEN SHOOT DOWN MAN IN THEATRE Dramatic Shanghai Incident

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Jan. 15 (UP).—For the second time in her career, the noted Peiping actress, Hsin Yen-chiu appeared at a theatre to-day where gunmen stole the show.

While a crowded house anxiously awaited the debut of the famed actress, two Chinese gunmen, dressed in European clothes, stole up behind Yu Yi-foong, 60-year-old owner of the Kung Hsin Wu Pai Theatre in which Hsin Yen-chiu was making her debut, and opened fire.

BELIEVED REASON FOR PRECAUTIONS

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emergency measures adopted by the Lowlands.

D.N.B., the official German news agency, comments to-day in the following vein: "In view of the impossibility of activity along the Magnot Line, Britain and France are now seeking to provoke Germany into entering Holland and Belgium."

Arrested in Peiping

While in Peiping, Hsin the actress was arrested by the Japanese military authorities, being suspected of conspiring to murder high Provisional Government officials.

According to the Japanese allegations, Hsin jured Mao Tsao, chief secretary of the Hsin Min Hui and also a high Provisional Government official to a Peiping theatrical where gunshots opened fire.

The bullet missed Mao, but wounded a friend who was nearby.

Miss Hsin was released after a long trial by the Japanese authorities, her freedom being secured largely through the efforts of influential Peiping residents.

BIG NORTH SEA FIGHT

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Denmark, and it is thought that another came down into the sea.

The Germans made a further attempt to attack, whenupon the British bombers returned to their original course and completed their reconnaissances.

R.A.F. Planes "Closely Watched"

BERLIN, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—Saturday's long-distance survey flight of the R.A.F. over Greater Germany is now admitted by the Nazis.

At first, the German radio denied that any such flight had taken place. On Sunday night, however,

the official German news agency admitted that the flight had taken place, but "explained" that the R.A.F. planes were "watched very closely."

The agency claims that German observers watched the activity of the British planes very closely. They were all at a very great height.

Such flights are very dangerous, continues the agency, and not of much use anyway.

In view of the close watch kept on the R.A.F. planes, it is curious that they were not intercepted or attacked in any way.

No anti-aircraft guns opened up and the pilots reported having seen searchlights at one point only.

AERIAL THIEF IMPRISONED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINKI, Jan. 15 (UP).—The Russians bombed Finnish cities and towns for the fourth successive day in a widespread gigantic effort to break the morale of the people.

It is reported the Russians are using big incendiary bombs extensively aiming at communication centres in an attempt to cut Finland off from the outside aid and break the backbone of her resistance.

The Finns assert that they must receive more fighting planes from abroad if they are going to be able to hold out. Except for fighting planes, Finland's resources will remain "purely local."

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H.K. Stock Market

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ILK Banks (Lan. Reg.)	£ 107 n.
Chartered	£ 105 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	203 n.
Mercantile, C.	113 n.
East Asia	70 n.

INSURANCES	
Canton	207 n.
Union	140 b.
China Underwriter	1 1/4 n.
ILK Fire	100 n.

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Douglas	72 1/2 b.
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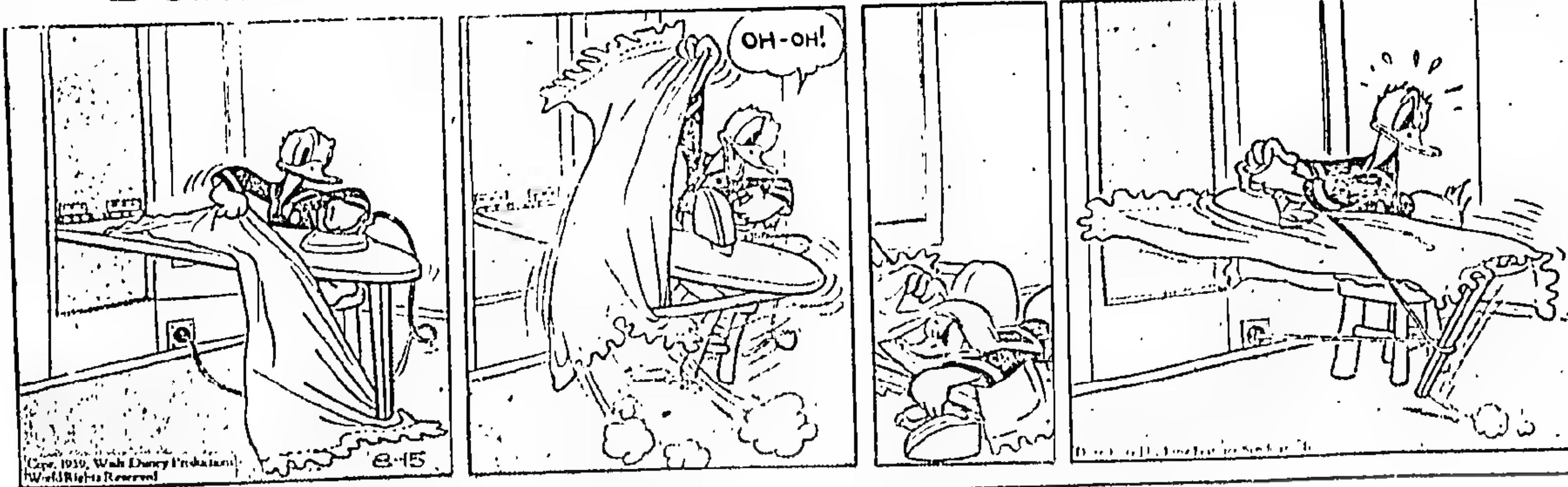
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8.33 B.B.C. Recording, "Poor Polly," A Sketch.
8.47 Barnaby Von Gezey and His Orchestra—Hindi Song, Vale Triste.
8.53 Studio, "Chinese Paintings in Hongkong"—A talk by Elsie Cholmondeley, Secretary to the Hongkong Committee of the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives.
9.03 Studio, Comments on Recent Events.
9.16 London Relay, News Summary.
9.30 London Relay, "Cards on the Table."
9.45 Tchaikowsky, Symphony No. 6 in B Minor, Op. 74 ("Pathétique")—Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitsky.
10.30 A Concert by Simon Barter (Piano) and Natan Milstein (Violin).
11.00 London Relay—in England Now.
11.15 Close Down.

BITTER HUPEH FIGHTING

FENGLO, Jan. 16 (Reuters).—For six days and nights, Chinese and Japanese troops have engaged in bitter fighting in Central Hupeh, according to Chinese report, which adds that the Chinese succeeded in capturing Kuopu, Numinan, Wangchiao and Sungchien.

CHINESE ENCIRCLE CHUNGSIANG: COUNTER-OFFENSIVE REPULSED

Considerable fighting took place around Chungsiang during the last few days, and as a result, Chinese sources claim, the city, which is situated on the east bank of the Han River 35 miles west of Kingshan, is encircled by the Chinese.

A Japanese counter-offensive at Huangchiatsi and Yangtzechan, near Chungsiang, has been repulsed. The Japanese attack was supported by planes.

Chinese troops also took the offensive at Chudankuan, Kuopu and Wuwan on Sunday. They are said to have met with success, and are now clearing up the remnants Japanese.

Artillery duels have taken place between the Chinese and Japanese forces at Tsinckiang, on the south bank of the Han River, about 95 miles above Hankow. A Japanese thrust northeast of Tsingtiang last Sunday was repelled back.

A force of 2,000 Japanese troops from Yoyang and Linshang attacked Tsinchian on Sunday but failed to dislodge the Chinese. In the resultant fighting which lasted 24 hours, the Japanese then set afire over 300 civilian houses, the Chinese allege.

Lightning Attack

In a lightning attack, the Chinese broke into Shushui in east Shantung last week. The Japanese troops, cornered at the south-eastern part of the town, are stated to have suffered serious losses.

From Changshu comes a report that fighting broke out at Tayeh, a mining town 60 miles south-east of Wuchuan yesterday morning when two Chinese columns made a sudden attack.

Hand-to-hand fighting ensued outside the south gate. Some 800 en-

U.S. AMBASSADOR ENDS HOLIDAY
On His Way Back To Shanghai

The party boarded the United States transport, Henderson, for Chinwangtou.

It is learned that Mr. Johnson is proceeding to Chungking after staying a short time in Shanghai, though the date of his visit is not disclosed.

He arrived at Peiping last month and spent Christmas and New Year with his wife and family.

Battles were inflicted upon the Japanese and a large quantity of Japanese arms and ammunition was seized.

A part of the Chinese force broke into the town and set fire to three Japanese supply depots.

Japanese reinforcements were called out from Fankow, a town up the river.

REMARKABLE ESCAPE FOR R.A.F. MEN

LONDON, Jan. 15 (British Wireless).—The crew of R.A.F. bomber escaped injury to-day when their machine crashed near a forest but, on failing to take off, the crew were able to jump out before the crash and, although the bombs on the machine exploded with the impact, shaking houses over six miles, the R.A.F. men were unharmed.

ZEESEN'S DEADLY POISON

"Truth Legion" Formed As Counter

LONDON, Jan. 15 (British Wireless).—Describing the outpouring from Zeesen radio as "deadly poison gas for the unsuspecting public," General Smuts, in a message to the South African Truth Legion, dealt with the danger to the South African people of the insidious forms of Nazi propaganda which is being directed against them through the air and in the Press. The Truth Legion is an organisation recently formed to combat such propaganda.

The South African Prime Minister said: "The only means of defence is for us to spread truth as against lies, to create goodwill as against mischievous and insidious malice, to hold aloft light as against the mental darkness and moral blackout with which we are menaced. Let us have faith in truth and its all-conquering powers."

Amazing Increase In Freight Carrying

LONDON, Jan. 15 (British Wireless).—Something of what the war has involved for one of the four great British Railway Systems is revealed by the figures of L.M.S. traffic from September to the end of 1939. The company claims to have made history in the carriage of freight.

In these four months the L.M.S. operated the biggest number of loaded wagon miles in its existence. The total reached over 520 millions compared with 429 millions in the same period in 1938, and it represented about ten and half million loaded wagon journeys.

Every day an average of 4,000 freight trains were run for the convenience of loaded traffic—an increase of 500 compared with a year ago.

Work During Black-outs

It is pointed out this this greatly increased freight traffic has been handled, to a large extent, in black-out and at the same time as the line has had to deal with a large volume of other priority traffic, amounting to over 11,000 special passenger trains, including troop trains, leave trains and "evacuation specials."

Despite these heavy demands for war purposes the company has progressively restored its ordinary services to the public to a point where the density of passenger train operation is estimated at 70 per cent. that of the peace-time normal.

Southern Railway has also issued its returns for the first four months of the war which show that the Company ran 1,317 special trains for naval, military and R.A.F. personnel.

CONSCRIPTION TRIBUNAL

Public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal appointed by His Excellency the Governor, under the Compulsory Service Ordinance, No. 32 of 1939, will be held in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat, at 4.15 p.m. on Monday, January 22, Friday, January 26 and Monday, January 29.

BIGGER U.S. NAVY WANTED

In Case The Allies Lose The War!

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15, (UP).—The possibility of the Allies losing the war was reiterated by Rear-Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of the United States Naval Operations to-day, when he gave further testimony before the Naval Committee concerning America's re-armament programme.

He said that the defeat of the Allies and the surrender of the Allied Fleet to Germany were among the possibilities he had considered when he reached his estimate for a 25 per cent. increase in U.S. naval strength as being necessary to protect America.

He added that the proposed expansion would pay particular attention to submarines, especially those capable of long-range cruising, which would be suitable for operation in the South Atlantic. Submarine tonnage would be increased by 55 per cent.

Doubts About Aid

In response to a question whether or not it was desirable to assume that the United States would have allies in a war against a combination of enemies, Admiral Stark declared:

"I have serious doubts whether anybody would come to our aid from purely altruistic motives. It might be that later on it would not pay them to see us defeated, but I do not think we should base our programme on such a hypothesis."

More \$ For Armaments

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15, (Reuters).—Owing to the accelerated pace of naval building, President Roosevelt has sent a letter to Mr. William E. Bankhead, Speaker of the House of Representatives, asking Congress to provide an additional \$31,000,000 immediately for armour, armament and ammunition.

This is additional to the \$46,000,000 provided for the same purpose last year.

Wants Bigger Submarines

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (Reuters).—Rear Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of U.S. Naval Operations, speaking before the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives, said that the Navy needs bigger submarines than those of some other Powers because under-sea operations might be required in the South Atlantic.

Admiral Stark declared that Germany and Russia had built large numbers of small submarines for use against nearby potential enemies, but the United States builds submarines for operations against potential aggressive enemy action far distant from our shores.

Following Japan's Lead

"It has been the uniform policy of Japan to build a large number of submarines capable of operating in distant areas."

Replies to the criticism that the fleet won "top heavy in favour of destroyers," Admiral Stark asserted that Britain had 350 destroyers and other specially constructed escort vessels built or being built.

SUSPECTED SABOTAGE

Factories Destroyed By Fire In Berlin

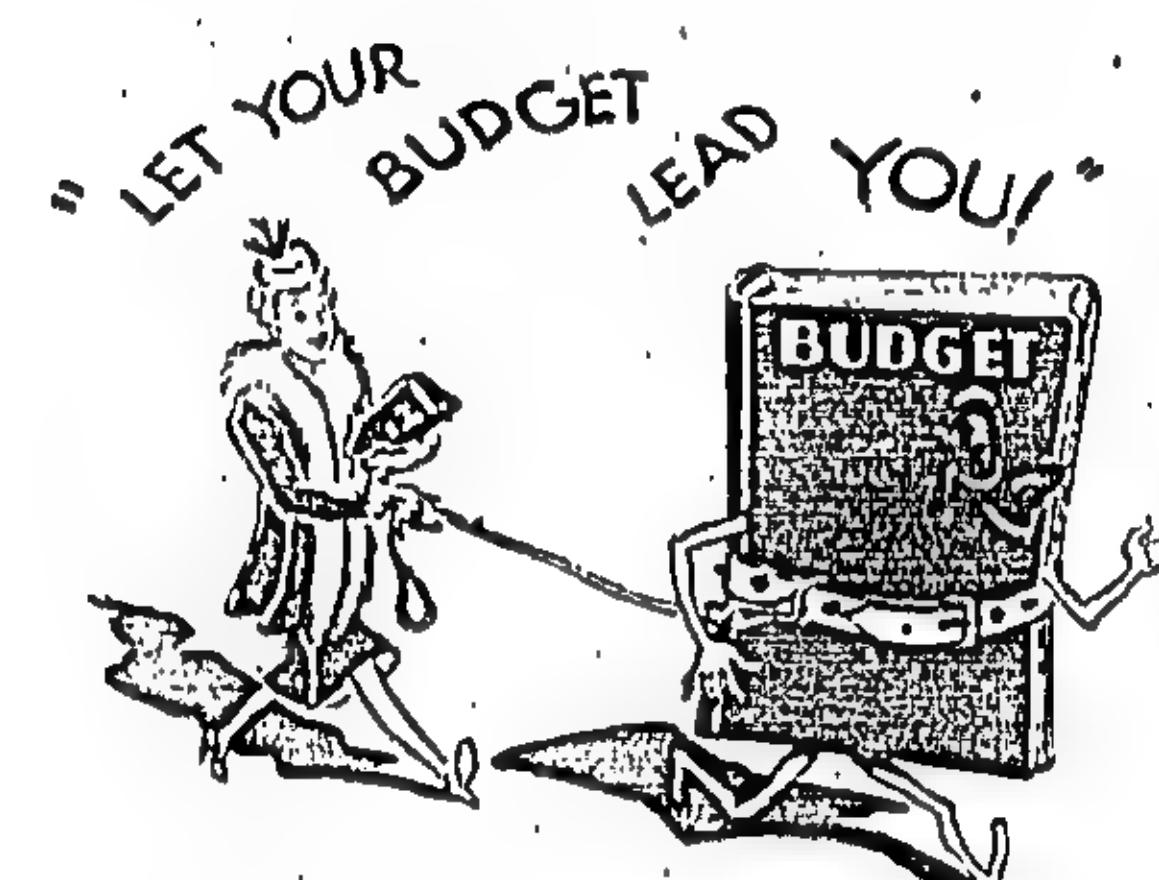
BERLIN, Jan. 15 (Reuters).—There have been four large fires in Berlin in 24 hours.

Two factories were completely destroyed while a third was badly damaged.

Extreme cold made it difficult for the Berlin firemen to prevent the flames from spreading.

In spite of the death penalty for incendiarism, there have been many cases recently, and it is thought that these four fires are also due to sabotage.

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Hongkong's Flora

The despoiling of the Colony's flora by countless gangs of firewood thieves has gained such alarming proportions, that a capably organised campaign in order to suppress the evil, is urgently needed.

It does not matter which district is considered, wherever trees and shrubs grow, these gangs of marauders are to be seen, day in and day out. Those who enjoy the Colony's countryside are horrified at the ruthless damage which has been done. Where once existed shaded forestry paths winding along the hillsides and through restful valleys, one now gazes upon ugly barren vistas, acre upon acre. Surely something can be done even at this late juncture?

Old residents who take a pride in the Colony point out to the newcomer that when Britain began development the hillsides were bare, and that the present beauty is the result of an early afforestation policy which has had the effect of transforming the barren nature then existing, to the pleasantly wooded Colony. It is estimated that on the island alone, several thousand people are engaged daily in this nefarious practice. There is no doubt that many of them are taking advantage of the high price of firewood, and find it a lucrative business in supplying firewood merchants from the hills and dales of the Colony.

Every firewood merchant should be licenced, and called upon at any time to reveal the source of supply. The gangs themselves should be dealt with as sternly as is any other class of thief, for unless effective measures are taken immediately, the damage will become irreparable.

There is some sympathy for the beggars who collect a few bundles of dry sticks, but sentiment cannot be tolerated when it means the gradual disfigurement of the appearance of the Colony. The Botanical and Forestry Department should collaborate with the Police in stamping out this scandal, otherwise we might just as well save the money which is spent in planting trees and shrubs. There is no excuse whatever for the existing state of affairs, and it is

WILL HITLER ATTACK THE LOWLANDS?

A N unknown number of German divisions are now massed along the Dutch and Belgian frontiers.

Scores of Nazi bombers are standing by on the frontier aerodromes and the tension has been increased by the imposition of a strict military censorship between Germany and the Low Countries.

What does it all mean? Is Hitler planning a Blitzkrieg through Holland or Belgium—or both—with the dual object of outflanking the Maginot Line and of establishing air and submarine bases on the Channel ports from which to launch his attack on Britain?

Such, in brief, is the strategy of the Von Epp plan, long toyed with by the German General Staff. But its chances of success are today small.

From the German point of view full success depends on a surprise attack of such force as to crush all opposition and enable German motorised columns swiftly to overrun the Low Countries.



But today surprise is impossible. From the French border to the Zuider Zee is a chain of fortifications manned day and night by Belgian and Dutch troops.

By comparison with the sunken mountains of steel and concrete which are the Maginot and Siegfried Lines, the defences of the Low Countries are modest—pill-boxes and casemates, mined roads and bridges. Neither the Belgian nor the Dutch General Staffs believe that their defences are impregnable. They are merely designed to hold up a German attack until help reaches them from the Allies.

Such help would certainly come, for Pitt's words that a hostile Power in occupation of the ports of the Low Countries "is a pistol pointed at the heart of England" are as true today as they were in the Napoleonic wars.

The defences of Belgium are stronger than those of Holland and ten times as strong, according to King Leopold, as they were in 1914, when the German onslaught caught Belgium napping.

Belgium's defence lines, and there are many of them, pivot on the great and modernised fortress of Liege. Standing in the trough of the Meuse, along which all the Germanic invasions of history have come, Liege comprises a double ring of forts at a distance of six and twelve miles respectively from the city. A continuous line of anti-tank defences and wire entanglements girdles the city and each individual fort is surrounded by deep anti-tank moats. Pill-boxes disguised as cottages and outhouses form the outposts.

If the Germans break through Holland, Belgium will fight along the new Albert Canal which stretches along her northern frontier eastward to Antwerp and is well fortified. Where the Albert Canal meets the Meuse is the new Eben Emael fort, cut into the solid cliff face with guns commanding the spot where the Germans crossed in 1914.

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If the Germans strike from the east, the Belgians will fight on another fortified line which radiates south from Liege. Should the Germans break through that line they would find themselves in the Ardennes, a vast salient of country which is backed by the River Meuse, whose cliffs form a magnificent line of defence.

The whole of this vast salient is time that residents who have the interest of the Colony at heart, should make the strongest possible representations to Government in order to save the Colony from the wholesale wood thieving which has become so general. It is so widespread, in fact, that a few constables scattered about on normal duty are almost powerless to cope with the problem. A Forestry Preservation Corps appears to be



frontier pill-boxes are manned, the Dutch army stands on guard.

Should the Germans strike, the Dutch will make their main stand along the Rivers Maas and Yssel, which flow parallel to the frontier.

If forced to retreat, the Dutch will call on their oldest ally—the sea—and flood a 25-mile-wide belt of country stretching from the Zuider Zee round Utrecht to the River Waal and the North Sea.

The hope is that Hitler's chariots will be caught in these waters to become a target for British bombers. But if the Germans ever get as far as this into Holland, it will leave them free to wheel southward against Belgium along three main roads—from Nijmegen to Turnhout, from Venlo to Maastricht, and from Venlo to Maastricht.

One possibility is that Germany may be content with attacking Holland, in which case Belgium might still remain neutral.

In face of reverses, or the continued stalemate on the Western Front, Hitler may be tempted to try to repeat the great flanking movement which so nearly succeeded for Germany in 1914.

S.E.

THE LOWLANDS

Neutrality

Both Belgium and Holland are neutral States in this war. Dutch neutrality is not internationally guaranteed like that of Switzerland.

Holland is free to act as she thinks fit. No Power has the right to come automatically to her assistance.

The Belgian position is different. She had, till 1936, a military agreement with France. But France and Britain still guarantee her neutrality. There are, at present no military agreements between Holland and Belgium.

Both Powers are signatories of the Oslo Convention, together with Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Luxembourg, for the joint discussion of economic problems.

History

Belgium seceded from the Kingdom of the Netherlands (Holland) after a revolution in August, 1830. Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg was elected King 1831. Succeeded by Leopold II. (1865-1909), Albert (1909-1934) and Leopold III. Belgian independence recognised by all States of Europe at Treaty of London, 1839.

Language

There is no Belgian language. Northern half of Belgium is Flemish (Low Dutch) speaking, southern half is French speaking. This section of the population is called Walloon.

Until 1914-18 war French was official language. But in German occupied territory Flemish aspirations were encouraged.

Since that war the Flemings have gained ground. Flemings are mostly farmers with high birthrate, Walloons mostly industrial workers with low birthrate. Flemings would now prefer reunion with Holland. Walloons look to France. But Holland prefers Belgium to remain an independent buffer State.

Defence

Belgian Army is 800,000 men strength, Dutch is 250,000. Holland's first line of defence is behind the Rivers Yssel and Maas (see map). Beyond this, protecting Amsterdam and Rotterdam, is a 25-mile-wide band of floodable country.

Belgium's first line of defence on the north is behind the fortified Albert Canal between Antwerp and Maastricht. To the south-east the first line is formed by the forts round Liege and the hilly country of the Ardennes. Behind lies the strong line of forts on the left bank of the Meuse.

is planned as a strategic trap. trenches linking the forts and Belgium's army of 500,000, pill-boxes, mobilised within four days of the outbreak of war, is now roads, bridges and dykes of completing the digging of Holland are mined. All the

The ex-Kaiser may have to move

WHILE Holland stands by to open the flood-gates to let loose a 30-miles tidal wave as a barrier against invasion of her lowlands, the ex-Kaiser considers the possibility of having to move house in case his countrymen should cross the frontier.

I have just made a lightning tour of the area which would be flooded in the event of trouble. In the midst of that area is the Castle of Doorn, sanctuary of the 80-years-old ex-Kaiser.

Only last June the residents of Doorn gave the ex-Kaiser a summer-house. Here he is drinking their health at the presentation.



The Dutch authorities smiled when they heard that this white-haired old man who led his people to war 25 years ago was now busy building underground air-raid shelters.

They immediately dispatched a courier inviting him to take up residence at the Hague should Invasion seem imminent.

It is a tremendous scheme that Holland has embarked upon to protect her country.

To-night, at key points of the elaborate system of dykes, canals, and waterways—members of her ceaseless fight with the sea—sentinels stand walling with wrenches, crowbars, and sticks of dynamite for a broadsword word which would empower them to send a vast tidal wave of water from the North Sea to the higher elevations of the Belgian frontier.

The wave would sweep over fields and meadows, pour through villages, and isolate ancient towns, such as Utrecht, where I am writing this message.

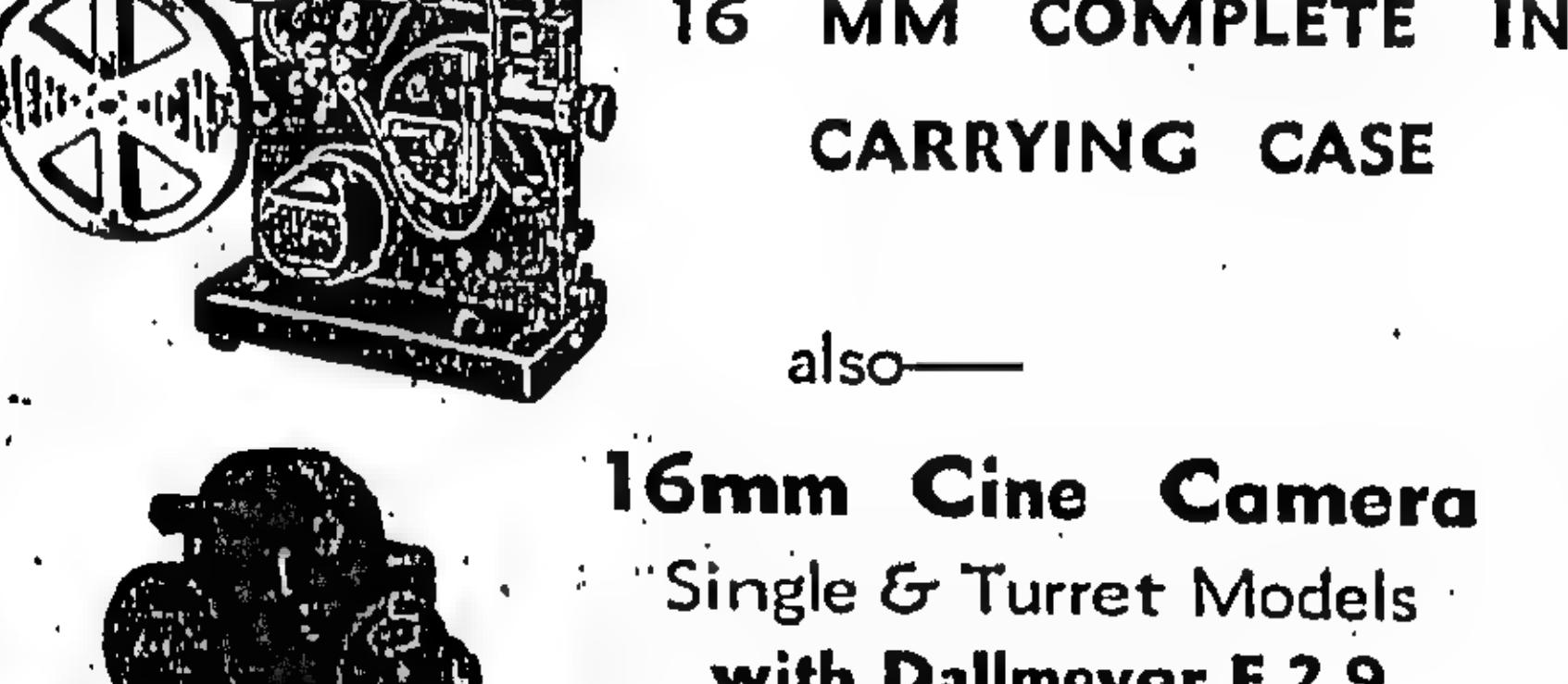
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New Japanese Cabinet EXPECTED TO CHANGE ATTITUDE Cordiality For The Western Powers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (UP).—While the State Department maintains a guarded silence on the Japanese Cabinet changes, diplomatic circles predict intensified Japanese efforts to reach an understanding with the United States and Great Britain before the expiration of the United States Trade Treaty on January 26.

Japanese circles here characterize the Yonai Government as a "strong Cabinet" capable of vigorous and independent action to meet the extraordinary situation.

Possible Agreement

The State Department declined to confirm or deny the Japanese statement that the proposed draft for a modus vivendi has already been submitted to Washington, but informed diplomats placed reliance on the report, and suggested that the proposed agreement might somehow be related to the Japanese Cabinet change, since apparently the new Japanese Government is generally more friendly disposed to the Western Powers than the former Cabinet.

It is believed that they will have more freedom to pursue energetic actions necessary to effect an agreement.

More Friendly Towards Britain

Informed quarters here said the resurgence of the Japanese Navy Group to power probably presages renewed emphasis on friendly relations with Great Britain with whom the Japanese Naval authorities have been consistently cordial.

They said it might indicate a reversal in the status which existed in the 1920's when Britain's Admiralty and the Japanese Naval Command co-operated closely on diplomatic lines.

Such a development, they said, would be significant in the United States by halting the trend towards an incipient naval race with Japan which, although costly and politically dangerous here, would probably prove to be economically disastrous to Japan who is already involved in a costly military adventure.

War Will Continue

Informed quarters also express the belief that no drastic modification is likely to occur in the Japanese military operations, but that the Cabinet shift might result in an altered policy towards the Western Powers in China.

The first impression of keen analysts here is that the new Japanese Cabinet is better equipped with more political and political prestige to effect a change in the Japanese national policy than was the former Cabinet.

This is considered to be an essential requirement in working out an agreement with the United States.

Lady Driver Fined

Husband's Explanation To The Court

Mrs. J. P. Whitham, of Shek-O, was fined \$5 on each of two summonses for leaving her car in Queen's Road Central for a period longer than necessary on December 7, and failing to produce her driving licence to a police constable.

Mr. Sheldon heard the case at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. Whitham represented his wife and pleaded guilty to both charges. He explained that on the day the offences occurred, he was ill with malaria and had a high temperature. In consequence of his illness, Mrs. Whitham forgot to take her licence to the Traffic Authorities, and did not remember until the Traffic Department communicated with her.

Sub-Inspector F. J. Clarke agreed that his enquiries confirmed Mr. Whitham's illness, but with regard to the other offence, the car was left outside the King's Theatre, which was always a busy spot, for 20 minutes.

8,500 HOUSES RAZED BY FIRE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Jan. 16 (Dornel).—Up to 7.30 o'clock last night about 8,500 houses were believed to have been reduced to ashes in the disastrous fire in the city of Shizuoka in Western Japan. About 50,000 people have been rendered homeless.

The fire began to burn down for the first time about 9 o'clock in the night.

The prosperous city, with a population of 200,000 and about 300,000 houses, had been gutted from the northwestern tip to the southeastern end. Among the latest important buildings razed were the Miyajima Building and the City Post Office. The Imperial Villa, the Prefectural Government, the City Office, and the Police Station were reported to be safe.

A gale is blamed for the disaster.

Alleged Assault On Constable

Complainant's Story Told In Court

Alleged to have assaulted Indian constable Ganga Singh in Sports Head, Happy Valley, on Sunday, Au Kwon, 33, hawkster, appeared before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning. He denied the charge.

Constable Ganga Singh said he saw Au attempt to climb into the Hongkong Football ground when a football match was being played. He ordered the man away, but, a little later, saw Au make two further attempts to enter the ground.

Threw Stones At P.C.

When he again ordered Au away, the latter picked up stones and threw them at him. He chased and caught Au, who struck him in the mouth and put up a struggle. In the course of which, both fell into a nullah by the roadside. Another constable, Narayan Singh, then came to his assistance, and Au was placed under arrest.

Ganga Singh added that his watch glass was broken in the struggle and he was also scratched on the hand.

After corroborative evidence by Mr. Narayan Singh, the hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

Towed Ship Reaches H.K.

Adventurous Trip At An End

After being found helpless near British North Borneo with a broken propeller shaft, a 3,000-ton Ben Line steamer has arrived at Hongkong for repair after being towed several hundred miles to Manila by a Greek steamer and from Manila by the tug Henry Keswick.

As soon as she has discharged her cargo, the crippled vessel will go to the Whampoa Dock.

Bound for Manila, the vessel broke her propeller shaft two days out of Singapore near Pelican Island after encountering heavy seas.

The Greek steamer will receive big salvage money as the vessel had about 2,000 tons of cargo on board.

\$250 Fine For Driving Car While Drunk

"A car is a very dangerous instrument when driven by an incapable driver," said Mr. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he imposed a maximum fine of \$250 on Zia Val-fah, 32, of 30 Morrison Hill Road, for driving under the influence of drink.

It was stated that on January 12, Zia was driving along Connaught Road Central near the Hongkong Cricket Club, when he collided with a car near the waterfront. Zia's car swerved across the road and only stopped about five feet away from the sea-wall.

Pleading guilty Zia said when he got into the car he was quite sober, and it was only after he had travelled a short distance that he began to feel the effect of drink.

S'hai Consul To Join The Polish Legion

SHANGHAI, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—The Polish Acting Consul-General, M. Andrezel Bichomole, left Shanghai on Sunday for Europe to join the Polish Legion in France. It was learned to-day.

He is a veteran of the World War, in which he held the rank of captain, and for courageous achievements he was decorated by the Polish and French Governments.

ARMY OFFICER FINED

A fine of \$10 was imposed on Capt. H. L. Duncan, of the H.K.S.R.A. by Mr. Macfadyen of Kowloon Magistracy this morning for speeding along Chatham Road on the morning of December 23 on a motor cycle. He was travelling at 50 miles per hour.

Capt. Duncan said that he was in a hurry to get to a bank.

Rationing Works Smoothly

LONDON, Jan. 16 (British Wireless).—After an experience of one week of the scheme for the rationing of butter, bacon and sugar—the only foods yet subject to rationing in Britain—it was stated authoritatively to-day that the machinery was working smoothly and well. There had been no shortage anywhere in the distribution of rationed commodities.

NAZIS MAY USE PACIFIC AS SUPPLY ROUTE

PARIS, Jan. 15 (Reuter).—The possibilities of Germans running supplies across the Pacific to Vladivostok and other ports from America under the "Cash and Carry" system are not being lost sight of in the Allied Contraband Control, which is tightening around all kinds of German vessels.

As regards Russian oil supplies for Germany, it is understood that one route from Baku lies via the Volga to Moscow, then by canal to Leningrad, and from there to Germany by sea.

EUROPEAN ARRESTS THIEF

Mr. A. C. Sinton, of the Sanitary Department, yesterday released his man in his car along Kwong Wah Road, and eventually got his man in Nathan Road.

Tsoi Ming, 25, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and eight strokes of the cane by Mr. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistracy this morning for the theft of a wrist watch from Pun Fun-lau,

24, married woman.

Sgt. McDermott said about 3.15 p.m. yesterday Mr. Sinton was standing outside the Kowloon Disinfection Co. when he saw a Chinese man take something from a woman. He got into his car and followed the man into Nathan Road, where he arrested him.

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A. R. P. Men Ready For Anything

Home Defence Units Keep Up To Mark

LONDON, Jan. 15 (British Wireless).—British towns have so far been spared devastation by air raids against which precautions of civilian defence were taken, but the preparations made in the first days of the war have not been relaxed. The civilian defence organisation stands ready.

A million and a quarter volunteer workers are at their posts and the training goes on. Of the numerous branches of civilian defence, few have the opportunity to carry out their duties except in practice exercises.

Auxiliary Firemen

Auxiliary firemen and "Army Marines"—the latest addition to civilian defence ranks—are notable exceptions. According to the ministry of Home Security, auxiliary fire service men are turning out day and night to face fire that occurs. At a recent London fire, which turned out to be one of the biggest for several years, over 200 Auxiliary firemen were on duty.

"Army Marines"—as they have been nicknamed—are the result of the German war on shipping. Merchant ships are torpedoed or mined at sea, or attacked by German aircraft with bombs and machine-guns. They cannot need the earliest possible attention. There is a call to shore for first aid parties. Special A.R.P. squads stand by at ports ready to go to sea at the moment a call comes at any hour of the day or night.

Two Brilliant Rescues

On a recent occasion, two First Aid parties went out in a trawler to a ship three miles off the shore, which had on board the survivors of another ship which had been torpedoed. There was a heavy sea running, and the casualties had to be transferred from the ship to the trawler under difficult and dangerous conditions. There were 15 persons, all suffering from extensive superficial burns. It was not possible to use stretchers and every case had to be handled with the greatest care, especially as he had broken his spine. The squads administered First Aid treatment under these conditions, took the casualties off and landed them.

Confidence Trick Boy Works Fast One On Woman

A Chinese boy of about 14 years carried out a successful confidence trick on a woman yesterday. In a report to the Police the victim, Wong Chi-kan, of Pitt Street, said she was in Connaught Road when the boy carrying a purse, approached her.

He told her he wanted to have the purse changed. He gave her to understand it contained banknotes, and asked her to do it for him. She consented, but before they parted, she—handed—the boy—money—and jewellery to the value of \$51 as security.

On her way, she opened the parcel out of curiosity and found it to contain worthless newspaper. Rushing back to where she had left the boy, she found him gone.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

The rush of inquiries has temporarily ceased, and to-day's trading was not on an extensive scale as has been the experience of a few preceding sessions.

Buyers

Union Ins. \$400

Wharves \$102

Docks \$21 1/4

Providents \$4.70

Hotels \$5.70

Lands \$334

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Yaumati Ferries \$24

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Tuesday,

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

January 16, 1940.

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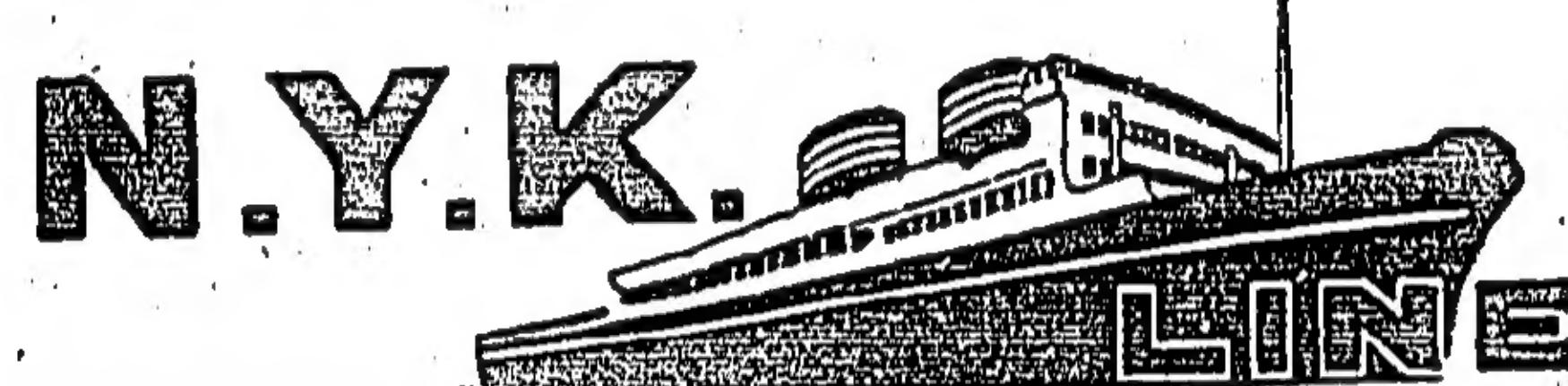
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Belisha's Conscience Pledge

OBJECTORS "SAFE IN THE R.A.M.C."

Red Claims Brought Home To Britain

THE Soviet demands on Finland expressed in terms of what the demands would have meant to Great Britain are set out in a statement based on documents published by the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, which was issued in London recently.

If the proposals were being made to the Government of Great Britain by a neighbouring Power some forty times stronger they would, said the statement, be as follows:-

1. Britain must cede the Isle of Wight to the foreign Power.
2. The Channel Islands must be fortified by the foreign Power.
3. Britain must hand over the port of Southampton as a naval and air base for the foreign Power.
4. Britain must hand over the Orkney Islands to be fortified by the foreign Power so that it will have complete control of Scapa Flow and the ports of Scotland.
5. Britain must destroy most of her defences, leaving in their place soldiers with rifles.
6. Britain must cede to the foreign Power an area on the coast of Norfolk extending fifty miles inland.

As compensation the neighbouring Power would be willing to cede to Britain some hundreds of square miles of barren land of no strategic or economic importance.

The actual demands put to Finland were published on December 12 and are shown in the adjoining map. The Finns refused because to have accepted such proposals would have meant sacrificing the integrity and independence of their country.

He stated that he was a Welsh nationalist and had now changed his name by deed poll to Lagonna.

If the Celts, as free agents, told him to fight he would do so, he replied to a question by the chairman, Judge David Davies, K.C.

The case was adjourned for further evidence.

An application for the hearing to be transferred to Caernarvon was refused.

"England's War"

Unconditional exemption was granted by North Wales Tribunal at Caernarvon to Harry Griffith, clerk at the Welsh Nationalist headquarters.

He could not take part in England's wars, he said. He also objected on Christian grounds.

WESTERN FRONT

Luxembourg Shelled

Long-Range Guns In Action

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Reuters).—In Luxembourg this morning a shell struck a hotel during a violent artillery action on the western front.

Three houses were hit and some windows were broken by shell fragments, but no one was hurt.

According to the Luxembourg Press, several shells landed in Luxembourg on Sunday. One shell hit a high-tension transformer, causing an electrical breakdown.

It is not yet known from where the shells came.

Civilians Evacuated

PARIS, Jan. 15 (Reuters).—The Nazis are reported to have brought long-range guns into action on the western front near Luxembourg, and civilians have been evacuated from some French villages ten miles behind the front lines.

French Communiqué

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". PARIS, Jan. 15 (UP).—The 26th communiqué states: "There were patrol and artillery actions and local encounters between the reconnaissance elements."

All Ears For Hore-Belisha

Commons Statement Eagerly Awaited

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuters).—Although there is widespread interest in the personal statement which Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the former War Minister, will make in the House of Commons to-morrow, there is always the possibility that the much-heralded debate may come to nothing, says "Reuter's" London correspondent.

May Avoid Controversy

It is considered possible that he may take the line that no unnecessary controversy should be aroused at present.

Mr. Hore-Belisha's statement is likely to begin between 3.15 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. Mr. Chamberlain is due to make his review of the progress of the war immediately afterwards.

The Prime Minister probably will prefuse his statement with comments on Mr. Hore-Belisha's speech.

Junks Destroyed

Working just outside British territorial waters, Japanese motor launches yesterday pursued and captured three cargo junks which were attempting to reach the sanctuary of Lamma Island.

The crews were set free in a sampan and the junks were destroyed by fire.

10 YEARS AGO

JAN. 16, 1930.

An interesting development in connection with the Boy Scout movement, we understand, taking place in Kowloon, where a Scottish Troop of the well-known organization is in process of being formed.

To the Editor. Sir.—While appreciating the efforts of the Broadcasting Committee to provide us with programmes, I think the Committee might give its attention to other uses of broadcasting besides music and occasional talk. Yours etc., RADIOS.

5 YEARS AGO

JAN. 16, 1935.

It is officially announced that the famous Russian political Zinoviev and Kamenev, leaders in Opposition, have fled to Moscow. Evdokimov and fifteen others have been turned over to the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court. They are charged with participating in the Moscow Centre, an organization aiming at the "Leninist Centre" and dangerously antagonistic to the Administration.

It is believed in Dublin that his sudden departure was due to the internal situation and the desire of the U.S. Government that their representative be in Belgium immediately to look after American interests there.

While the procession passed between the ranks of the cheering populace, the restaurants gave the German National Anthem, Horatius' song and popular Basque airs, were sung by choirs of boys and girls. Everywhere was a continuous roar of "Hollo" for the Reichsführer Hitler.

January 16, 1940.

POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are used 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 1 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 9 p.m. Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Calcutta and Straits Jan. 10.
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Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 10th January.

Jan. 10.

EAT YOUR BUN

*Varying the Flavour
of Family—
Favourites*

By
Mrs.
BARDELL



WHEREVER there are children in the home there should be a bun tin in the pantry. When all is said and done, the youngsters, from toddler to teen, prefer the homely, wholesome buns that mother makes to over-sweet sickly pastries.

I find that the surest way to a schoolboy's heart is to pack him off to school or play with a couple of rock cakes that he can get a satisfying bite from in his pocket.

An empty biscuit tin is an excellent place to keep your family buns in, for you can make a large batch, say, three or four dozen, in one baking, and they'll keep moist and fresh if the lid is fixed on tightly.

Now for some easy-to-make favourites which will go down well with the family.

Spicy Mixture

Rock cakes with a spicy flavour are much appreciated.

Ingredients: 1 heaped breakfast-cupful flour, 1 egg and $\frac{1}{2}$ breakfast-cupful brown sugar, 1 heaped dessertspoon, picked currants, pinch salt and grated nutmeg, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. baking powder, 1 tablesp., butter, 1 dessertspoon, chopped candied peel, 1 heaped des-

sertsp. picked currants, 1 saltsp. each ground all-spice, ginger and mace.

Sift flour, baking powder, salt, and spices into a basin. Rub in butter or margarine. Stir in sugar, chopped peel, washed and dried currants, and sultanas. Mix to a soft dough with beaten egg, and milk as required.

Bake out in rough heaps on buttered tins and bake in a quick oven till firm and brown. Turn on to a cake rack to cool.

Vanilla Drops

Quickly made and moistish in flavour.

Ingredients: 10oz. flour, 3 tablesp. sugar, 2 tablesp. milk, 1 teasp. baking powder, few drops vanilla, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. butter, 2 eggs (one egg and extra milk), cream butter and sugar, beat eggs well. Sift flour and baking powder together. Then add flour and egg and milk alternately to butter and sugar. Flavour with a few drops of vanilla.

Drop teasp. of dough, well apart, on buttered baking tin. Sprinkle with caster sugar. Bake ten minutes in a quick oven.

Old-Fashioned Caraway

These little buns are made in the same way as the raspberry buns given on this page, but $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. caraway seeds are stirred into the mixture before it is formed into rolls, and the raspberry jam is, of course, omitted.

Date Dainties

Good to eat and very nourishing.

Ingredients: $\frac{1}{2}$ cupfuls self-raising flour (add 2 teasp. baking powder if plain flour is used), 1 cupful sugar, 2 eggs, 1 cupful chopped dates, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. grated nutmeg, 1-3rd cupful butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. ground ginger, $\frac{1}{2}$ cupful milk, $\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. ground cloves.

Cream butter and sugar. Sift flour, baking powder if used, ginger, nutmeg, and cloves into a basin. Beat eggs well. Add flour and eggs alternately to butter and sugar.

Stir in milk and dates and mix well. Three-quarter fill greased bun tins with mixture.

Bake in a moderate oven about twenty minutes. Cool on a cake rack. Top with stoned dates if liked.

Raspberry Favourite

Economical, but considered a treat by small folk. They're good made by dripping, but you can use other fats if liked.

Rub 2oz. fat into $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. self-raising flour, add 2oz. sugar with a pinch of salt, and milk to make a stiffish mixture.

Divide into buns and place on a greased baking sheet. Make a hole

with a skewer into the top of each, drop in a little raspberry jam, close over again to keep the jam in, and bake in a quick oven for 15 to 20 minutes.

Ice is Nice

Satisfying, and wholesome for schoolchildren are rice buns.

Ingredients: 3oz. self-raising flour, 2oz. ground rice, 2oz. butter or margarine, few drops of vanilla essence, 2 eggs, 3oz. caster sugar.

Cream butter and sugar together, add the eggs gradually (or one egg and 1 tablesp. of vinegar) with a little of the sieved flour and beat well.

Add the rest of the flour mixed with the ground rice, stir in the vanilla essence, then put the mixture into greased bun tins, and bake in a quick oven for ten to fifteen minutes.

Fruit and Nuts

They all like these mixed fruit buns, especially if a spoonful of chopped nuts are stirred in as a surprise.

Ingredients: 4oz. butter, 1oz. sugar, 2 eggs (or one egg and a tablespoonful of vinegar) a tablesp. each of washed and dried currants, picked sultanas and shredded lemon candied peel, a few chopped nuts, 6oz. flour, a pinch of salt, 1 teasp. of baking powder, a little milk if required.

Cream the butter and sugar, add the eggs gradually with a little of the sieved flour. Mix the prepared fruits and chopped nuts with the rest of the flour, etc., and add to the mixture.

A little milk may be added if necessary.

SHORT CUTS

Cheese may be cut into very thin slices without the cheese sticking to the knife by holding a piece of waxed paper over the knife while cutting.

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Choose firm tomatoes, and cut three-quarters of a lb. into slices.

Butter a pie-dish, and prepare six tablespoons breadcrumbs, and grate six ozs. cheese.

Sprinkle a layer of breadcrumbs and cheese in bottom of dish, then a layer of sliced tomatoes.

Sprinkle with a little pepper and allspice, then add another layer of breadcrumbs and cheese.

Continue this dish in full, arranging to have a good sprinkling of cheese on top. Cook in a moderate oven for about 30 minutes. If serving this dish alone, decorate with sprigs of toast.

Cheese and Potato Casserole

Peel and slice one lb. potatoes and two onions. Partly cook (about 10 minutes) in boiling water, then strain off liquid. Grate three ozs. cheese.

Butter a pie-dish, put in layers of partly cooked potatoes and onions.

Spring with powdered mace, pepper, and grated cheese.

Arrange for the top layer to be of potatoes, and sprinkle over a little cheese.

Cover with one pint milk or half milk and some of the liquid vegetables were boiled in. Put a lid on dish or make a "cap" of greased paper, and bake slowly for one hour.

Just before serving, take off lid and brown the top.

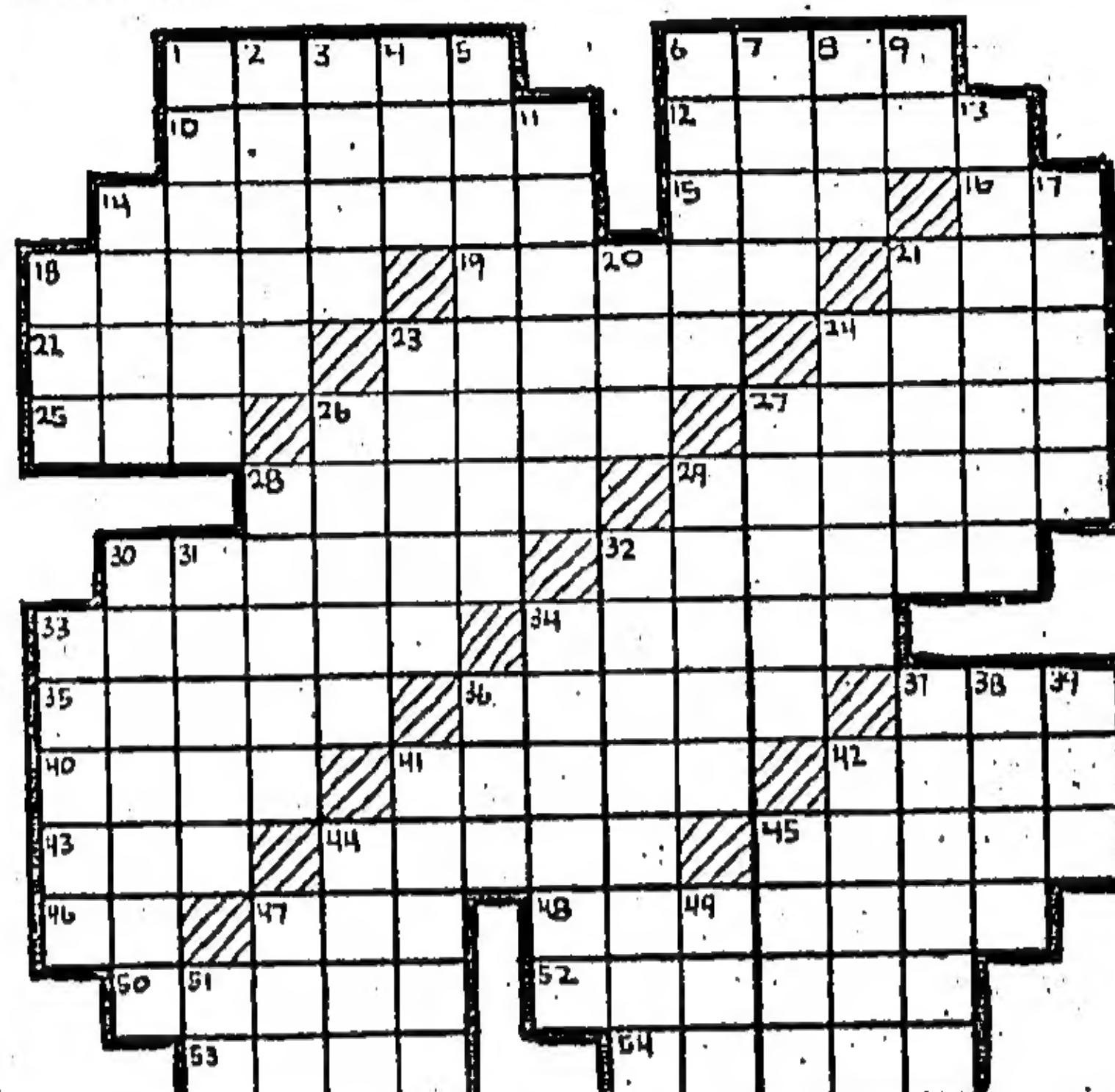


Crossword Puzzle

BY LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1—Weasel	12—Lamb	21—Bathurst
2—Avail	13—Lay	22—Chestnut
3—Dawn boy (Beothuk)	14—Porpoise	23—Treasurer
4—Philippine Molmens	15—Pomegranate	24—Colored
5—Ginger	16—Tibetans	25—Fooling
6—Tibetans	17—Tobacco	26—Dried grass
7—Tobacco	18—Tobacco	27—Flower-like flower
8—Insect	19—Tobacco	28—One with foal
9—Most important	20—Tobacco	29—Kind of duck
10—Gaxon herb	21—Tobacco	30—Wading bird
11—Aids	22—Tobacco	31—Almonds
12—One who names	23—Tobacco	32—Canine disease
13—Up-to-date	24—Tobacco	33—South American
14—Up-to-date	25—Tobacco	34—Mountain
15—Older	26—Tobacco	35—Wild plum
16—Older	27—Tobacco	36—Mid-western state
17—Burden	28—Tobacco	37—Foot-like part
18—Small branches	29—Tobacco	38—Almonds
19—Small African hill	30—Tobacco	39—Not obvious
20—Persons	31—Tobacco	40—Almond
21—Firing	32—Tobacco	41—Foot of tail
22—Edwards	33—Tobacco	42—Fever
23—Falls	34—Tobacco	43—Dumb
24—Falls	35—Tobacco	44—Not obvious
25—Falls	36—Tobacco	45—Dumb
26—Compass point	37—Tobacco	46—Foot
27—Olive	38—Tobacco	47—Cheese
28—Garden background	39—Tobacco	48—Cheese
29—Garden tools	40—Tobacco	49—Cheese substance
30—Chinese food plant	41—Tobacco	50—Metric measure



Cheese Dusties

IT is a curious sidelight on modern trends that, now when the necessity arises, we are rediscovering the virtues of foods that have sustained our forefathers for centuries!

Cheese is a food our forefathers ate a great deal of, and wisely too, for it is a concentrated food and the goodness and flavour that can be brought out of it by simple preparation is amazing.

Here are a few dishes suitable for lunch or a substantial supper:

Cheese Pudding

Take six to eight slices bread and butter, one pint milk, three ozs. grated cheese, a little made mustard, a pinch all-spice, and one egg.

Cut the slices of bread into squares. Arrange them in a buttered pie-dish with sprinklings of cheese in between, leaving a little of the cheese for top.

Beat the egg, add the salt, pepper, and all-spice custard over the milk, pour this savoury custard over the bread, sprinkle little cheese on top. Bake in a very moderate oven till the custard is very lightly set and the top brown.

An Economic Rabbit

Melt one oz. margarine in pan, add four ozs. grated cheese, and allow to dissolve slowly. Blend half an oz. flour with four tablespoons vinegar, then stir into cheese mixture. Cook two to three minutes, stirring constantly, then add one tablespoon mashed potato. Heat well; then pour on to squares of buttered toast, and brown for a few seconds under a hot grill.

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HOME HINTS

Too much flour makes a dry, bready cake. Pastry flour makes a more tender cake than does bread flour.

Did you know that sweet potatoes can be used as a vegetable, as a filling for pie, or fried like a dessert similar to fried bananas?

String beans will cook in about the time it takes to boil them instead of being cut lengthwise instead of being cut in two.

Before fish is placed in the refrigerator, it should always be wrapped in waxed paper to prevent fainting other foods.

To fix candlesticks firmly in place, heat the candle socket thoroughly with hot water and firmly press in the candle. This is better than filling the socket with melted wax.



What's new in suits is shown here by the Hylton sisters, popular trio of songsters. Kate, left, wears a collarless, form-fitting suit, while Evelyn, centre, favours a lumber jacket style. Margo's is in royal blue with flared jacket. All wear tucked-in scarves over their heads.

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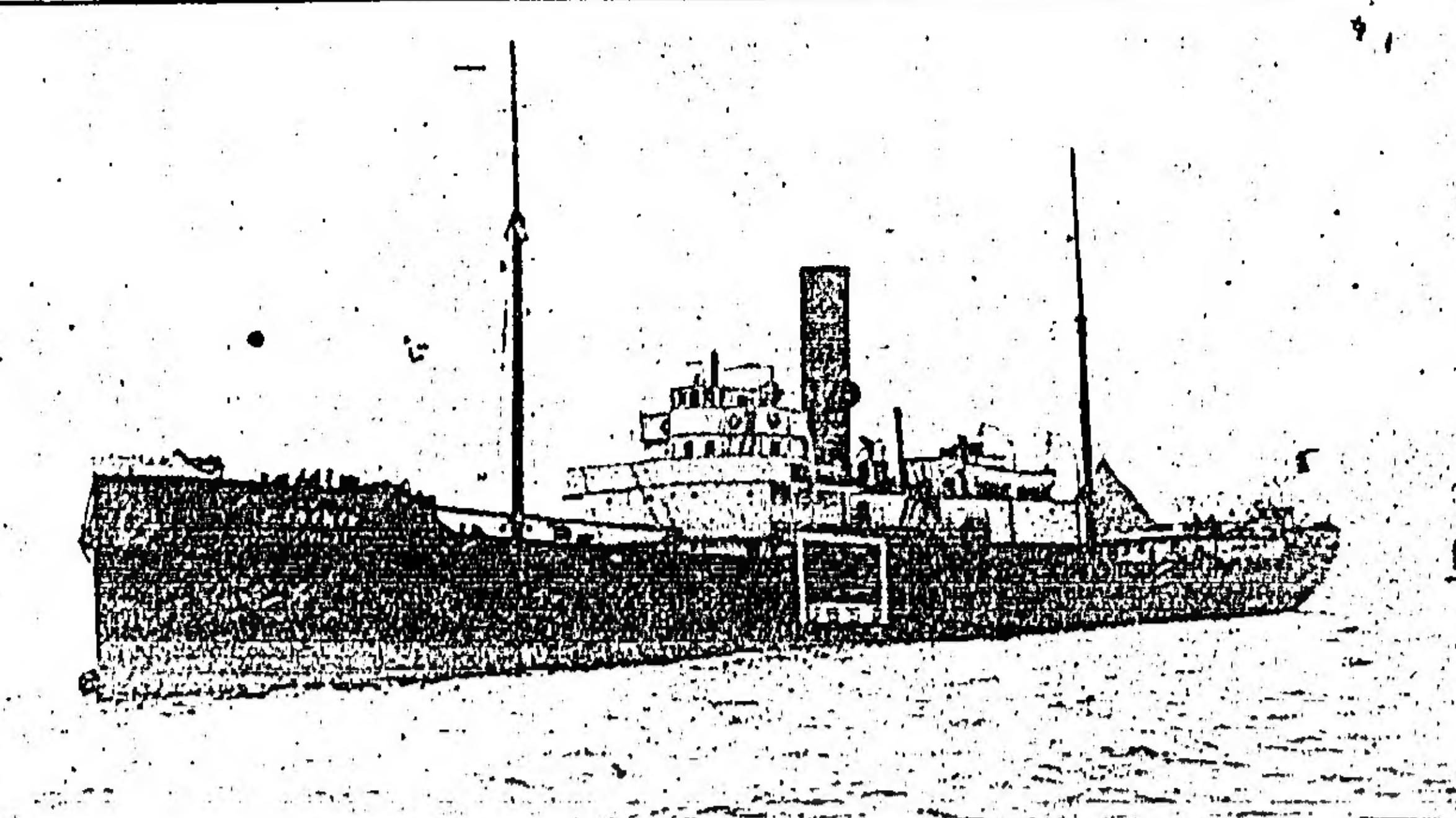
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THE RUSSIAN STEAMER Selenga, which was brought into Hongkong on Saturday morning by a unit of the Royal Navy. This is the first ship to be brought to Hongkong for contraband control purposes.

HITLER SPIES AS 'DUTCH POLICE'

AMSTERDAM.

A WIDESPREAD plot to smuggle into Holland a number of German spies, dressed in Dutch uniforms, has been unearthed here following the arrest of a young Dutch Nazi.

The man, named Albrink, was stopped by Customs officials at Rammelbeck, on the German frontier.

The car he was driving was searched and in it were found trunk loads of Dutch uniforms—those of military police, ordinary police, railway guards and postmen.

Inside Frontier

Albrink, whose home was in the Dutch frontier town of Denekamp, worked for a garage proprietor in Nordhorn, just inside Germany.

As he was thus constantly crossing the frontier, he apparently thought he would not be challenged by the Customs.

But he had been watched for some time and they struck just as his plan neared fruition. It is supposed that Albrink, acting on instructions, bought the uniforms from secondhand clothes dealers in Holland.

To Be Copied

He was taking them to Germany so that they might be copied.

Nazi spies would thus have been enabled to cross the frontier in Dutch disguises and, when they arrived, have a greater freedom of movement than ordinary people.

Both Albrink and his father are members of the Dutch-Nazi Party.

1914-18 AIR ACES IN FRANCE

MEN who between 1914 and 1918 fought aerial battles over the German lines are now helping to fight aerial battles from the ground. Aerial combat is a young man's job, and they are too old to take to the air again. Many are members of the staff organisation that directs the present generation of fighter pilots of the R.A.F. to successful action. Some are in ground jobs at Fighter Command in garrisons. Others again are in the Air Ministry.

These men were among the first to respond when the R.A.F. was expanded on a war basis. They still carry their wings on their tunics, but the only flying most of them do is in communication aircraft, just as business men use a car in the day's work.

Ribbons Tell History

Their history is told by rows of medal ribbons. A veteran of four wars won his first decoration in the Metzbele campaign, long before the first aircraft left the ground. At the same R.A.F. station is a liaison officer who wears the uniform of the Navy. He won the Distinguished Flying Cross in the last war for sinking a submarine from an airship.

Others fought the Richtenfels "Circus" which became almost a legend on the Western Front. One who served with the French Air Force was already a veteran in the last war. He is one of the R.A.F.'s oldest serving officers, but has been flying "dual" on a communication aircraft.

Brought Down 17

A grey-haired pilot who wears the ribbon and bar of the Distinguished Flying Cross and was officially credited with having brought down 17 German aircraft is delighted to be again flying Service aircraft, after 21 years' interval.

In those days he flew Camels. "Grand machines," he found them, but he is still young enough to see both sides of a question. "We had no parachutes," he says, "and engine failure was all too common, but the machines were slow, could be landed almost anywhere. With the modern Service machine you have a parachute, that really works, and there are many aerodromes, but you also have high landing speeds and three or four times as many controls to operate." His sixteen-year-old son is an expert mallard pilot. "I left school to get into the R.A.F.," his father says, "now my boy is hoping against hope that he will get his chance. I dare not try and put him off—and I don't think I want to."

Skill And Courage

The skill and courage of night-flying German pilot is fully recognized and it is appreciated by the men of the Fighter Command that neither British Industries nor civilian population will be safe until the full offensive break out and the percentage of losses which the enemy will have to suffer, affect the morale of the German pilots.

THEY FORGOT THEIR BABY

DANVERS, Mass. (UPI).—A young man and woman entered a restaurant, ate, paid their check and departed.

As they sped away in their automobile an employee followed them in another machine. "Haven't you forgotten something?" he shouted.

"Gosh!" said the woman as she and her husband returned for their six-week-old baby they had left in an adjoining booth.

Nazis Execute "Malcontent" Soldiers

A NUMBER of German soldiers have been executed at Lorraine, near the Rhine, states the Daily Mail Bale Correspondent.

Swiss people have heard bursts of machine-gun fire from a stone-quarry which has previously been used by the Nazis for the execution of malcontents.

Three Beheaded

THREE men who had been sentenced to death for high treason by the People's Court in Berlin were beheaded recently. They were said to have supplied information to a foreign intelligence service.

One of their accomplices, stated the official German News Agency, was executed some time ago.

Vernichtungssieg !

AFTER the long-promised German "Blitzkrieg" (lightning war) comes the "Vernichtungssieg." This means "Victory based on complete annihilation of the entire armed forces of the enemy is the main strategic object of a successful war in the West, according to a book by General Erfurt who coined the term "Blitzkrieg."

An ordinary victory may enable the enemy to retreat, says General Erfurt. So the slogan of the German Army must be "Vernichtungssieg."

Tallest Soldier

LEO GRABOWSKY, said to be the tallest soldier in the Polish Army, who was taken prisoner by the Russians, has been sent back to Germany as it was discovered that he was a German. Grabowsky is 7 ft. high, states the Hamburger Fremdenblatt.

He has become quite a celebrity in Germany and has joined the Army. He is described by the papers as being among the "trophies" of the Polish campaign.

Million Will Move

AGREEMENT has been reached between Berlin and Moscow on the exchange of minorities in Poland.

According to German estimates, 155,000 peasants of German nationality and 1,000,000 Russians, Ukrainians and Ruthenians will be transferred.

Many Polish Jews are expected to take advantage of the more liberal Soviet views on nationality to declare themselves Russians or Ukrainians.

Mother Medals

GERMAN mothers who have had four or more children are given special medals with the compliments of the Führer. In Munich alone, according to the Neuste Nachrichten, 22,400,000 were distributed in the past six months to women aged between 30 and 70. There will be new distribution next month for mothers aged 50. They number 4,000.

Thirty per cent. of all medals are given to mothers with eight or more children, says the paper.

Destroy Hitler

A MANIFESTO to the German people demanding the destruction of a Free Germany was read on the German Free Radio.

The announcer said that after the Munich bomb explosion the leaders of the German Socialist Freedom Party met somewhere in Germany and issued the manifesto.

"The struggle is not waged by foreign countries or foreign agents, but by millions of German workers," said the broadcast. "The third, fourth, or fifth blow will strike down Hitler. But we want more. We are not satisfied with the destruction of Hitler and his party. We want a Free Germany."

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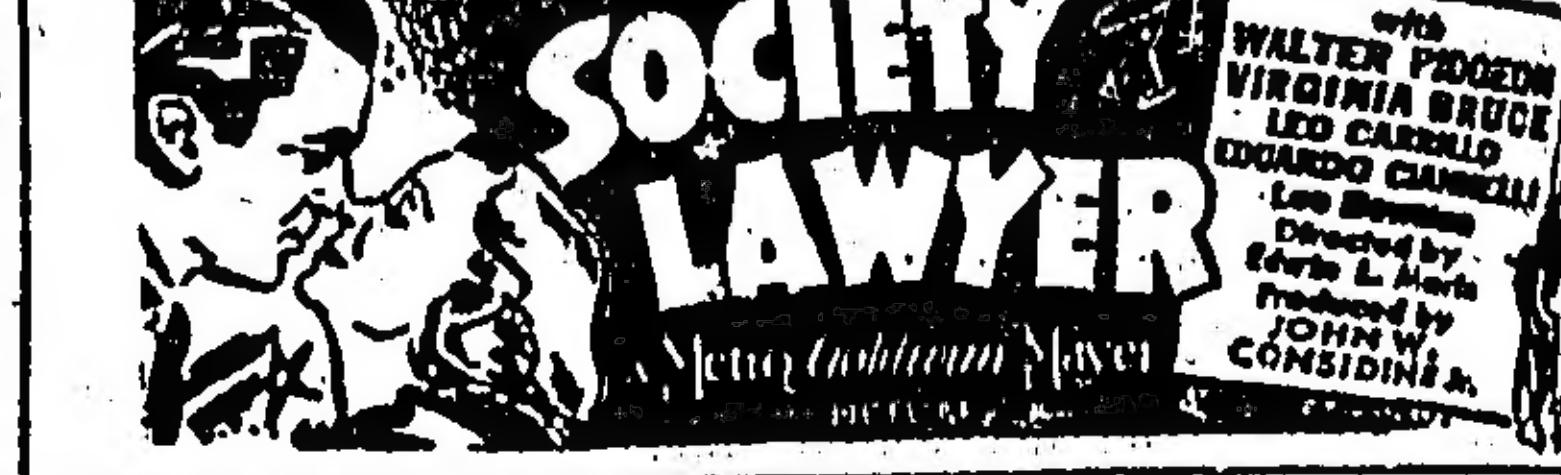
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